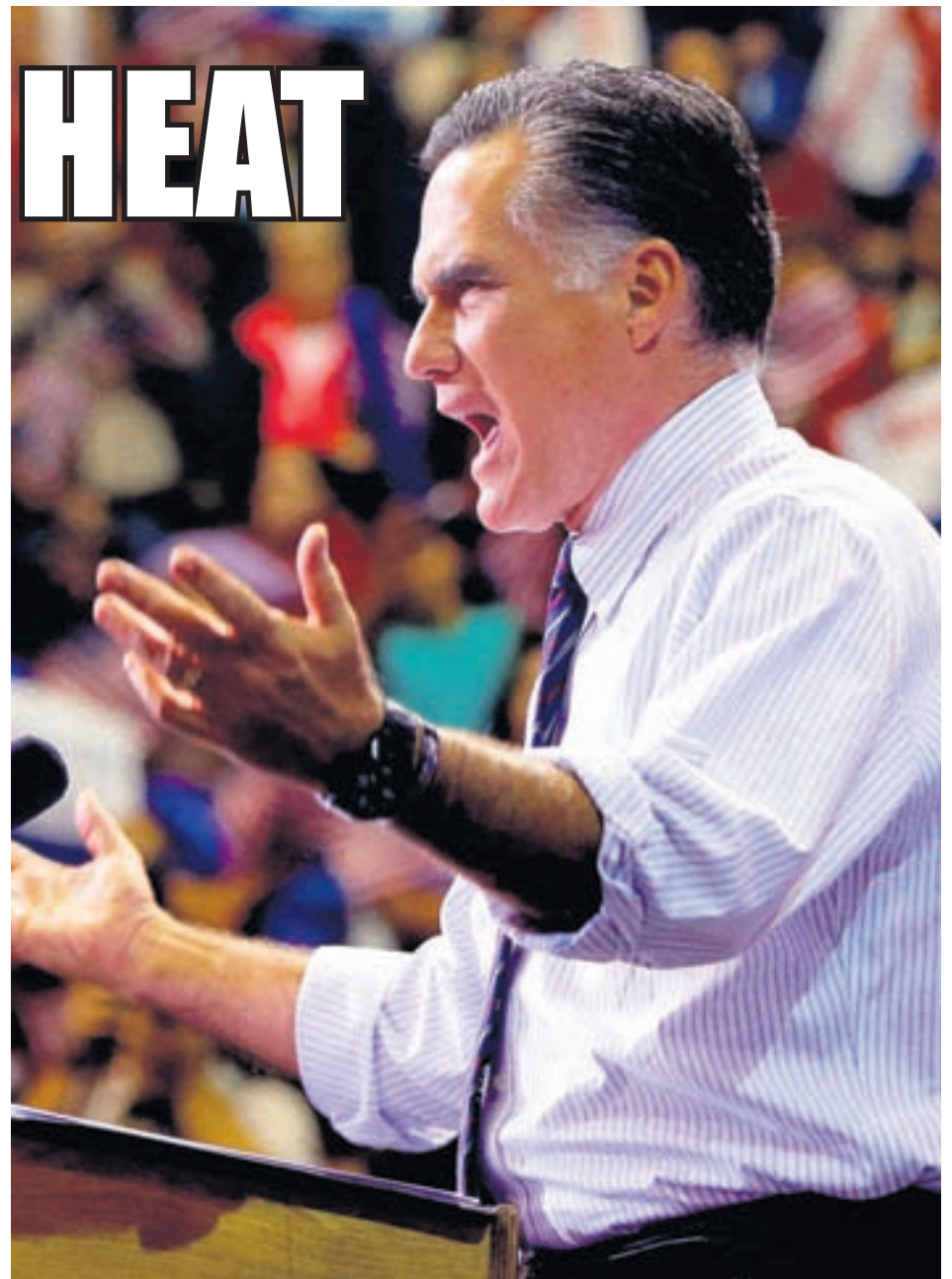


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In this combination photo, President Barack Obama speaks at a campaign event at Nationwide Arena Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio (left); and Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney gestures as he speaks at a Virginia campaign rally, Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, in Fairfax, Virginia. President Obama and Mitt Romney raced from one battleground state to another in the final day of campaigning before Election Day, trying to fire up core supporters with an emphasis on the high-stakes choice between two contrasting visions for the future of the U.S.

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## Obama, Romney fire up bases for Election Day

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney raced from one battleground state to another in the final day of campaigning before Election Day, trying to fire up core supporters with an emphasis on the high-stakes choice between two contrasting visions for the future of the U.S.

Nationwide polls show the two locked in one of the closest, and most expensive, presidential races in recent U.S. history. The hard-fought contest has

laid bare one of the most polarized American electorates in decades choosing between very different paths for the world's most powerful country. Uncertainty over the outcome weighed on investors worldwide.

The incumbent Democratic president and his Republican challenger highlighted their sharp disagreements on the role of government in fixing problems from a stubbornly high unemployment rate to a \$1 trillion-plus deficit. Amid a painfully slow recovery from the Great

Recession, the economy is foremost on the minds of voters. The candidates' opposing views on other issues from gay marriage to abortion have added to the divisive atmosphere.

"This is not just a choice between two candidates or two parties. It is a choice between two visions," Obama told nearly 20,000 people in Wisconsin.

"Our choice tomorrow is going to lead to very different outcomes," Romney said at a rally in Virginia.

A majority of polls in the battleground states — es-

pecially in Ohio and other Midwestern states of Iowa and Wisconsin— show Obama with a slight advantage. That gives him an easier path to the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

No Republican has won the White House without carrying Ohio, an industrial Midwestern state has picked the winner of the last 12 elections.

Ohio was the only state both candidates were visiting Monday. And Romney's campaign announced in the afternoon that the Re-

publican nominee would come back on Election Day for a rally in the Cleveland area. Romney also planned a Tuesday stop in the Pittsburgh area.

Under the U.S. system, the winner is not determined by the nationwide popular vote but in state-by-state contests, making nine "battleground" states that don't consistently vote Republican nor Democratic extremely important in such a tight race.

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# US media vows to show election night restraint

**BRIAN STELTER**

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This has been the year of the big media gaffe.

NBC News edited a 911 tape of George Zimmerman in a way that implied race as a factor in the shooting of Trayvon Martin. CNN and Fox News falsely reported that the Supreme Court had struck down the individual mandate at the heart of the Obama administration's health care overhaul. ABC News wrongly suggested a link between a mass shooting in Colorado and the tea party. Just last week during the hurricane, CNN repeated a false rumor about flooding at the New York Stock Exchange.

Now the media are gearing up for election night, the finale of the year's biggest story. It's a chance to regain some credibility – presuming, of course, that television networks and other news organizations get their state-by-state projections right. They all say they will, still mindful of the mistakes made in 2000, when the networks prematurely called Florida for Al Gore and then George W. Bush.

The same precautions that were put in place after 2000 will be in place again this Tuesday. At NBC, for instance, the statisticians at the "decision desk" that makes projections "are literally sealed off from the rest of us," said Mark Lukasiewicz, the senior vice president of specials for NBC News.

Different this time will be the level of noise on the Web, where armchair and professional pundits alike will react to the election results in real time. On election night in 2008, a few websites, including Slate and Time.com, stated the obvious – that Barack Obama was going to win the presidency – well before the TV networks and major newspapers said so. In large part that's because the networks and newspapers were waiting for the polls to close on the West Coast.

They will abide by the same principle again Tuesday night, ruling out any such pronouncement before 11 p.m. Eastern. But more websites and individual users will most likely try to call the race early, creating a cacophony on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

A memo on Saturday to employees of The Associated Press, the country's biggest news wire service, asked them to refrain from adding to the noise by posting to Twitter about other news outlets' calls.

"If AP has not called a particular state or race, it's because we have specifically decided not to, based on the expertise and data we have spent years developing," the memo read.

In calling a state for Obama or Mitt Romney, news organizations will consider several data sources, including exit poll results and raw vote totals – "a brain trust of data," said Ingrid Ciprian-Matthews, the vice president for

news for CBS News.

Executives at the major networks said in interviews that they don't expect to be able to project a winner at 11 p.m. this year, given the closeness of the presidential race in several swing states.

"I'm not even going to guess what time it will be," said Marc Burstein, the senior executive producer for special events at ABC News.

"In a close contest, we'll simply wait," said Sam Feist, the Washington bureau chief for CNN.

And all of them cited the journalism chestnut that it's better to be right than first.

"It's always lovely when the two coincide," said Ciprian-Matthews of CBS, "but everybody here is absolutely on the same page: Accuracy comes first."

Fox News did not respond to an interview request. CNN, which was criticized for crowding its studio with anchors and analysts in 2008, will have more reporters in the field this time, including a half-dozen in Ohio alone. Reprising what it called "ballot cams" on primary nights, CNN will have crews at "key voting and vote counting locations" in battleground states, Feist said.

"We proved during the primaries that doing real reporting on those nights can make a difference," he said.

Dozens of news and opinion websites will offer essentially live coverage on election night, some with TV-like newscasts and others with live blogs. But the biggest audiences are still expected to tune to the big three broadcast networks, ABC, CBS and NBC, and the big three cable news networks, Fox News, MSNBC and CNN.

Four years ago, Brian Williams was the anchor on NBC, Charles Gibson on ABC and Katie Couric on CBS. Williams is back for his second presidential election night as anchor, but Gibson, who retired three years ago, will not; heading the coverage instead will be the pair that sat alongside him in 2008, Diane Sawyer and George Stephanopoulos. Couric, now of ABC, will join them from time to time with social media reaction – a role that did not exist on the network's coverage last time.

On CBS, Scott Pelley will anchor his first presidential election night. It's also the first time for Rachel Maddow, on MSNBC, and Bret Baier and Megyn Kelly, on Fox News. On PBS, Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff will make up national television's first two-woman anchor team on election night.

Half a dozen smaller channels will also have hours of live election talk, as will countless local stations – paid for in part by the revenue from innumerable election ads. Discussing the extent of the coverage, Feist of CNN said, "You cannot find an available high-definition satellite path for Tuesday night in this country. There are none left. The country is at capacity." □

# Odds against Electoral College tie, but it remains a distinct possibility

**John Lantigua**

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**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** -- What happens if, after the ballots are counted from all 50 states, President Barack Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney are tied in the Electoral College?

No matter how the popular vote adds up nationwide, a candidate must win at least 270 of the 538 Electoral College votes allotted to the states in order to win the presidency. Those votes are based on the number of each state's representatives in Congress – House representatives plus two senators each. California has the most, 55. Seven states and Washington, D.C., have only three votes each, the least.

This year the Electoral College tally could be extremely tight, so close that pundits are handicapping the way individual states may vote and computing scenarios that just might end in a tie. The slim chance of it hap-

pening hasn't stopped political scientists from mapping out the possibilities. "It's extremely unlikely, but still possible," said Charles Zelden, Nova Southeastern University historian and political scientist. "Given where we are at the moment, Romney would have to over-perform in a number of the swing states where he is currently behind. He would have to do more than hold his serve. But if he won those states, he would probably do better in the other swing states as well and it wouldn't end up in a tie at all. ... Still, anything is possible."

Some pundits consider Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota in play although Obama's current lead in those states suggests otherwise. If the Electoral College vote is tied, it falls to the House to choose the president. Of the 50 congressional delegations, Republicans outnumber Democrats in 33 of those states and the GOP is expected to maintain the advantage after Nov. 6. Because each state gets one vote in the tie-breaking process, regardless of the size of the state and its delegation, Romney would almost certainly win the presidency.

But the Constitution also calls for the Senate to pick the vice president, and because the

different rules can apply. Only 26 states and Washington D.C. legally require their electors to vote for the candidate who won the popular vote in their state. In the remaining 24 states, an elector can decide to vote any way he or she chooses. Two swing states -- Iowa and New Hampshire -- are among the 24.

Electors very rarely go rogue, but it has happened. In 2000, a Washington, D.C., elector abstained rather than vote for Democratic candidate Al Gore. She was protesting the lack of a voting member in Congress for the nation's capital, even though its residents can vote in the electoral college. In 2004, a Minnesota delegate opted for John Edwards instead of John Kerry. In those cases, the defections made no difference, because Republican George W. Bush won both elections.

Given the close races in the swing states, political observers are looking to any factor that



**Political humorist Mo Rocca wears an Electoral College sweatshirt in an handout photo from the film Electoral Dysfunction. Journalist John Lantigua addresses what would happen if, after the ballots are counted from all 50 states, President Barack Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney are tied in the Electoral College? (Handout Photo)**

Senate is expected to remain in the control of Democrats, they would pick the vice president.

They must choose between the two highest vote winners for vice president, so they would almost certainly choose current Vice President Joe Biden, a Democrat. "Can't you just see Joe Biden as vice president in a Romney administration?" chuckled Florida Atlantic University political scientist Kevin Wagner. Wagner doesn't believe it will happen. Electors are chosen by their state political parties. Forty-eight states instruct their electors to vote for the winner of the popular vote in the entire state. Washington, D.C., Nebraska and Maine give electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins each congressional district, so their votes can be divided. But once the electors gather,

might turn the tide at the last moment. North Carolina saw strong winds and flooding on its east coast and heavy snows in its western mountains because of Hurricane Sandy. Zelden believes the storm hurt Obama in that state and probably helped push it into the Romney column.

Sean Snaith, a University of Central Florida economist, sees possible effects on early voting totals in other locales affected by the storm, although not necessarily on the outcome. "If you're dealing with damaged windows or if you're shoveling mud out of your basement, that might supplant participating in the elections," Snaith said. "But I don't know that it will help one side more than the other. I don't know if God flooded more Democrats or Republicans. Natural disasters are equal opportunity events." □





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# Obama, Romney fire up bases for Election Day

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Winning a state gives Romney or Obama that state's electoral votes, which are apportioned to states based on representation in Congress.

This year's tight race raises the possibility of a replay of the chaotic 2000 election, when Bush won the presidency with an electoral vote majority while Democrat Al Gore had a narrow lead in the nationwide popular vote.

Both Obama and Romney say this year's winner will be determined by which of their campaigns can get the most supporters to the polls.

Obama even raised the possibility of defeat as he pleaded with listeners of The Rickey Smiley Morning Show to get to the polls. "If we don't turn out the vote, we could lose a lot of the gains we've already made," Obama said.

The president needs the support of blacks and Hispanics to counter Romney's support among white men, but his campaign knows that the feeling of making history by electing America's first black president that fired up the 2008 campaign has cooled.

Rock legend Bruce Springsteen and rapper Jay-Z were joining Obama for Ohio events on Monday. Romney, too, mused aloud that he might lose. In Cleveland, boos from Romney's partisans turned to appreciative laughter when the

Republican nominee began a sentence by saying, "If the president were to be elected," and ended it with, "It's possible but not likely."

The cost of the presidential campaign has surged past

background gives him the expertise to manage the economy, favors lowering taxes and loosening regulations on businesses.

"The president thinks more government is the answer. More jobs is the answer,

America," Romney said in Virginia. Obama insists there is no way reduce the staggering debt and safeguard crucial social programs without asking the wealthy to pay their "fair share." He hammered on Romney's shifting positions and said the Republican's proposals amount to the same "top-down policies that crashed our economy" in the first place.

"It's not about just about trust," Obama said. "You know where I stand. You know what I believe. You know I tell the truth." Also at stake Tuesday is control of Congress, with all House seats and a third of Senate seats up for grabs. Republican were expected to retain control of the House while Democrats were expected to narrowly

defend their majority in the Senate, meaning that whoever wins the White House will likely have to contend with similar partisan struggles as those that dogged Obama's term.

The final national NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll, released on Sunday, showed Obama with the support of 48 percent of likely voters, with Romney receiving 47 percent. The poll had a margin of error of 2.55 percentage points.

The final national poll from the Pew Research Center found Obama with a three-point edge over Romney, 48 percent to 45 percent among likely voters, an improved showing that indicates the president may have benefited from his handling of the response to last week's Superstorm Sandy. □



Dusk fades over the White House the night before the 2012 election, on Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, as seen from Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney raced from one battleground state to another in the final day of campaigning before Election Day, trying to fire up core supporters with an emphasis on the high-stakes choice between two contrasting visions for the future of the U.S. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

\$2 billion.

Romney, who described himself as "severely conservative" during the Republican primary campaign, has shifted sharply in recent weeks to appeal to the political center and highlights what he says was his bipartisan record as governor of Democratic-leaning Massachusetts.

Still, he did not shy away from highlighting his differences with Obama, saying the president's proposal to raise taxes on the highest earners would discourage hiring just when the country needs it most. Romney, a multi-millionaire who claims his successful business

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# Supreme Court hears 2 cases over class actions

ADAM LIPTAK

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**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court on Monday considered a pair of cases about how much evidence courts must demand before allowing plaintiffs to band together in class actions.

One case concerned securities fraud, the other antitrust. But both were in a way sequels to the court's 2011 decision in *Wal-Mart Stores v. Dukes*, which threw out an enormous employment discrimination class action on the ground that the plaintiffs did not have enough in common to pursue their claims in a single lawsuit.

Business groups welcomed the *Wal-Mart* decision and said its reasoning could be extended to shut down other kinds of class actions at an early stage. Monday's cases were the first tests of those predictions in the Supreme Court.

Justice Antonin Scalia, the author of the majority opinion in the *Wal-Mart* case, explained on Monday why defendants wanted courts to examine lawsuits closely before they certified them as class actions. The mere certification of a class ac-



**Betty Dukes, the plaintiff in a case against Wal-Mart, speaks outside the Supreme Court in Washington. The Supreme Court on Nov. 5, 2012 considered a pair of cases about how much evidence courts must demand before allowing plaintiffs to band together in class actions, which were in a way sequels to the court's 2011 decision in *Wal-Mart Stores v. Dukes*.**

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

tion, he said, can prompt defendants to settle in light of the sums at stake. The question in the securities fraud case, *Amgen Inc. v. Connecticut Retirement Plans*, was whether plaintiffs should be required to prove that the defendant

had made a material misstatement before a class action was certified. Material information, the court has explained, is the sort of thing that reasonable investors would believe significantly alters the total mix of available information. The plaintiffs asserted that Amgen, a drug company, had made materially false statements concerning the safety of two drugs that stimulate red blood cell production, reducing the need for transfusions. Those statements, they said, inflated the company's stock price.

Justice Elena Kagan said the distinctions made in the *Wal-Mart* case were helpful to the plaintiffs in the *Amgen* case.

"What we said in *Wal-Mart* recently," she said, was "that the question is a question of coherence; it's a question of whether the class wins or loses together. And here, for materiality, the class wins or loses together. If it's material, it's material as to everybody. If it's not material, it's not material as to everybody."

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg made similar points. □



**Residents of a flood-gutted home in Point Pleasant N.J. haven't given up hope for the Jersey shore, which was pummeled by Superstorm Sandy. A new storm due Wednesday was raising fears about new flooding and damage along the shore.**

(AP Photo/Wayne Parry)

## New storm on the horizon as U.S. shivers after Sandy

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A new storm was expected to hit the New York-New Jersey region still shivering and cleaning up after last week's Superstorm Sandy, bringing the threat of 55 mph (89 kph) gusts and more beach erosion, flooding and rain by Wednesday.

Temperatures dipped toward freezing early Monday, and tens of thousands of people without power along the ravaged Atlantic coastline faced the growing certainty that they would have to find somewhere else to stay. Especially hard hit were the thousands in public housing, who often have no place to go and barricade themselves in darkened apartments for the 12 hours of night.

"Nights are the worst because you feel like you're outside when you're inside," said Genice Josey, a Far Rockaway resident who sleeps under three blankets and wears long johns under her pajamas. "You shiver yourself to sleep."

As more than a million students joined the morning rush hour Monday for the first time since the storm, commuters continued to wait — and sometimes sleep — in their cars in long lines for gas. Other commuters packed the limited-service Long Island trains so tightly that some people

couldn't get on.

"We're a gallon away from turning into a Third World country," New York commuter Scott Sire said Monday.

And with the U.S. presidential election on Tuesday, New York City's mayor was asked if the city would be ready for it. "I have absolutely no idea," Michael Bloomberg said.

The new storm worried the large swaths of the region that were returning to something resembling normal.

"Prepare for more outages," said National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Pollina. "Stay indoors. Stock up again."

Sandy left more than 100 people dead in 10 states. Half a million people in New York state remained without power, and more than 800,000 were without power in New Jersey a week after the storm.

With temperatures sinking into the 30s Fahrenheit (1 to 4 degrees Celsius) overnight, New York City officials handed out blankets and urged victims to go to overnight shelters or daytime warming centers.

But government leaders began to wonder where to find housing in the densely developed area around the largest U.S. city for the tens of thousands whose homes could be uninhabitable for weeks or months. □

## Officials: Gambling-addicted New York nun stole \$128,000

CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)** — A nun with a gambling addiction was accused of stealing \$128,000 from two rural parishes where she worked.

Sister Mary Anne Rapp was treated for a gambling addiction and is in recovery, her order said Monday, but she still faces a criminal charge of grand larceny following the thefts from the St. Mary and St. Mark congregations. She was expected to plead not guilty at an initial appearance in court on Monday evening. In 2010, the two linked parishes were assigned a

new pastor who sought a routine audit, said Kevin Keenan, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. The audit turned "some irregularities" that were turned over to a county prosecutor, he said. Rapp is accused of taking the money between 2006 and 2010, Keenan said. She was placed on leave from her position as pastoral associate in February 2011 and fired in April 2011, he said.

Keenan could not say how the alleged thefts had affected the day-to-day parish operations.

"These are smaller parishes in a rural part of the

diocese," Keenan said. "Regardless of the size, this would be a significant amount of money for any parish."

Officials believe Rapp spent the money at casinos. She is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, based in Lewiston, north of Buffalo. Sister Edith Wyss, provincial minister of the 138-member order, said that when Rapp was placed on leave, she agreed to seek treatment for a gambling addiction.

"She spent 9 1/2 months in an in-patient treatment program and has maintained her recovery in the year since," Wyss said. □





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# Prosecutor: US soldier had blood of victims on him

GENE JOHNSON  
Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. (AP) — A caped figure captured on surveillance video came running out of the darkness to the edge of a remote Army outpost in southern Afghanistan. Blood was smeared on his face, prosecutors said, and soaked into his clothes.

Less than a mile away, 16 Afghans, including nine children, were dead, some of their bodies on fire in two villages.

As fellow soldiers stopped him at the base's gate, Staff Sgt. Robert Bales was incredulous, prosecutors said. Then, as he was taken into custody, Bales said: "I thought I was doing the right thing."

The details, from a prosecutor as well as Bales' comrades, emerged Monday as a preliminary hearing in his case opened, offering the clearest picture yet of one of the worst atrocities of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The attack on March 11 prompted the U.S. to halt combat operations for days in the face of protests, and it was a month before military investigators could reach the crime scenes.

Bales, 39, faces 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder. The hearing could last up to two weeks and will help determine whether the case goes to a court martial.

The defense did not give an opening statement.

Bales has not entered a plea. His attorneys have not discussed the evidence,

but say Bales has post-traumatic stress disorder and suffered a concussive head injury during a prior deployment to Iraq.

The father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., wore green fatigues and sat beside

one of his civilian lawyers as an investigating officer read the charges against him and informed him of his rights.

When asked if he understood them, Bales said, "Sir, yes, sir."

Bales spent the March night before the raids at Camp Belambay, watching "Man On Fire," a fictional account of a former CIA operative on a revenge spree, with his fellow soldiers, said Lt. Col. Jay Morse, the prosecutor.

He seemed normal as they shared whiskey, discussed Bales' anxiety over whether he'd get a promotion and talked about another soldier who lost his leg a week earlier in a roadside bomb attack, Cpl. David Godwin testified.

Shortly before leaving the base, Bales told a Special Forces soldier that he was unhappy with his family life and that the troops should have been quicker to retaliate for the March 5 bomb attack, Morse said.

"At all times, he had a clear understanding of what he

was doing and what he had done," said Morse, who described Bales as lucid and responsive.

Morse said Bales broke the killings into two episodes. Dressed in a T-shirt, Bales walked first to one village, return to the base and then slipped away again to carry out the second attack.

Between the episodes, Bales told a colleague about shooting people at one of the villages, Morse said. The soldier apparently took it as a bad joke and responded: "Quit messing around."

Prosecutors played for the first time the video captured by a surveillance blimp that showed the caped figure running toward the base, then stopping and dropping his weapons as he was confronted. □



In this detail of a courtroom sketch, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, right, is shown Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, with his civilian attorney, Emma Scanla, left, during a preliminary hearing in a military courtroom at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state. Bales is accused of 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder for a pre-dawn attack on two villages in Kandahar Province in Afghanistan in March, 2012. (AP Photo/Lois Silver)



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## Online privacy proposal for children draws ire

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Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter have all objected to portions of a federal effort to strengthen online privacy protections for children. In addition, media giants like Viacom and Disney, cable operators, marketing associations, technology groups and a trade group representing toy makers are arguing that the Federal Trade Commission's proposed rule changes seem so onerous that, rather than enhance online protections for children, they threaten to deter companies from offering children's websites and services altogether.

"If adopted, the effect of these new rules would be to slow the deployment of applications that provide tremendous benefits to children, and to slow the economic growth and job

creation generated by the app economy," Catherine A. Novelli, vice president of worldwide government affairs at Apple, wrote in comments to the agency. But the underlying concern, for both the industry and regulators, is not so much

about online products for children themselves. It is about the data collection and data mining mechanisms that facilitate digital marketing on apps and websites for children – and a debate over whether these practices could put

children at greater risk.

In 1998, Congress passed the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act in an effort to give parents control over the collection and dissemination of private information about their children online. The regulation, known as COPPA, requires website operators to obtain a parent's consent before collecting personal details, like home addresses or email addresses, from children younger than 13.

Now, federal regulators are preparing to update that rule, arguing that it has not kept pace with advances like online behavioral advertising, a practice that uses data mining to tailor ads to people's online behavior. The FTC wants to expand the types of data whose collection requires prior parental permission to include persistent ID systems. □



**Phyllis H. Marcus, a senior attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's division of advertising practices, speaks with colleagues at their office in Washington, Nov. 2, 2012. Social networks, technology giants, marketing associations and others are objecting to portions of a federal effort to strengthen online privacy protections for children.**

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

## Polygamous church assets will be sold

**PAUL FOY**

Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A federal appeals court ruled Monday that a polygamist sect on the Utah-Arizona border waited too long to challenge a court-ordered takeover, clearing the way for state authorities to break up a church trust and sell assets including homes, businesses and farms in two small towns.

A three-judge appeals panel overturned a federal judge in Salt Lake City, who ruled nearly two years ago that Utah's takeover violated the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' constitutional rights. U.S. District Judge Dee Benson's decision froze the sale of church assets in Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Arizona, and put Utah's takeover in limbo.

Utah seized control of the community trust in 2005 amid allegations of mismanagement by church officials, including now-jailed polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs.

The appeals court panel didn't rule on the constitutionality issue. Instead, it determined the FLDS waited too long — nearly three years — to take legal action.

Real estate and other assets in the border towns are held in the United Effort Plan, a charitable trust established long ago by the church. □

## Police:

## New York nanny resented her employers

**WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM**

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**NEW YORK** — The nanny charged with stabbing to death two children she cared for on the Upper West Side told detectives that she had resentment toward the family, who she complained were always telling her what to do, a law enforcement official said Sunday.

The nanny, Yoselyn Ortega, 50, was interviewed Saturday by detectives in her hospital bed at New York-

Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, police have said.

She was charged hours later with fatally stabbing the children, Lucia Krim, 6, and her brother, Leo, 2, in a bathroom in the family's apartment shortly before their mother, Marina Krim, returned from a swimming lesson with her other young daughter.

Ortega waived her right to have a lawyer present during questioning, the official said, and acknowledged

that she was in the bathroom, although she did not confess to the killings.

She told the detectives that "Marina knows what happened," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case. Police have said Krim walked into the bathroom to find Ortega stabbing herself in the throat, with the dying children bleeding in the bathtub.


The official said though

Ortega was not medicated, she seemed "spacy."

The official also said that while the Krim family did not have problems with their relationship with Ortega and seemed to live an idyllic life, Ortega, based on what she told the investigators, had a different view.

"She had resentment towards the parents" and said "they were always telling her what to do," according to the official. □





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# The man behind FEMA's post-Katrina makeover

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**WASHINGTON** — America may know W. Craig Fugate as the slightly weary-looking guy on CNN explaining the ins and outs of flood insurance. But in the world of emergency management, he is known for his Waffle House matrix. Fugate, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, learned in his many years of battling natural disasters that fully operational Waffle Houses mean that a community is doing OK. But if those same restaurants are serving half menus, it means that power has been lost. And if their doors are closed, it signifies that things are really bad. "It's a shorthand for us to get in there and quickly get a snapshot," Fugate said Friday in an interview at FEMA headquarters in Washington. "Is the Waffle House open? Everything normal there?" Fugate acknowledges that the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy poses a challenge to the Waffle House matrix because the chain, popular in the South, has so few restaurants in the Northeast. In place of Waffle Houses, he said, he has looked to Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts as bellwethers, but he said he did not believe that they had the same philosophies about reopening quickly. "Waffle House has a very

simple operational philosophy: Get open. They never close. They run 24 hours a day," he said. "They have a corporate philosophy that if there is a hurricane or a storm, they try and get their stores open. It don't matter if they don't have power, it don't matter if you don't have gas. They have procedures that if they can get a generator in there, they'll get going. They'll make coffee with bottled water." After the agency's poor handling of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, FEMA was the Homer Simpson of federal agencies, a symbol of pitiful incompetence. The storm even created a national punch line after President George W. Bush said at a news conference that his FEMA director, Michael D. Brown, was doing a "heck of a job" even as the agency was bungling its response. While FEMA is still viewed with caution — and in some places in New York City in the past week, with continued scorn — Fugate has done much to shore up its image. That is in part simply through self-flagellation, as he races around storm-savaged regions, ticks off statistics about water levels and procures baby formula for a mother in need. Fugate — or Mr. Emergency Management, as President Barack Obama referred to him last week — is a straight-



**W. Craig Fugate, the administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, at the agency's headquarters in Washington, Nov. 2, 2012. Fugate got his start as a volunteer firefighter.**

(Brendan Hoffman/The New York Times)

forward, honey-toned former director of Florida emergency operations who judges the post-storm condition of communities by the viability of their local economic activity. His hyper-focus on local preparation long before disasters hit has been the key to his success, according to several people who have worked with him. "He speaks the language of first responders because

he was one of them," said Alan Rubin, who oversaw Florida's economic recovery after Hurricane Andrew. "He doesn't have to be brought up to speed on what FEMA can do and when they can do it." In an administration long on Ivy League degrees and Washington pedigrees, Fugate, who wears cowboy boots, stands out. Both of his parents died before he graduated from high

school. He never finished college, started out as a paramedic and spent most of his career in Florida.

"He is very down to earth, and that always helped him out a lot," said Dwayne Phillips, an information technology expert who worked at FEMA when Fugate was the director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, a job he held until 2009, when Obama appointed him to run FEMA. Citing Fugate's Waffle House theory, Phillips said: "He would talk about stuff like that, and had this 'OK, that's a problem, let's address it and move on forward' way about him. He doesn't get caught up in the weeds." Fugate is known for his "lightning bolt drills," in which he surprises employees midday with a fake disaster and forces them to respond. He peppers each day with a short phrase to keep responders focused. □

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# UN: Iran not cooperating on nuclear weapons probe

EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. nuclear chief said Monday that Iran is not cooperating with an investigation into suspected secret work on nuclear weapons.

Yukio Amano told the U.N. General Assembly that talks between the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran have intensified this year after an IAEA report in November 2011 said it had "credible information that Iran had carried out activities relevant to the development of a nuclear explosive device," he said.

"However, no concrete re-

sults have been achieved so far," Amano said.

While the IAEA continues to verify that Iran's declared nuclear material is not being diverted from peaceful purposes, "Iran is not providing the necessary cooperation to enable us to provide credible assurance about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities," Amano said.

"Therefore, we cannot conclude that all nuclear material in Iran is in peaceful activities," he said.

But the IAEA director general said "the agency is firmly committed to intensifying dialogue with Iran."

"We will continue nego-

tiations with Iran on a structured approach," he said. "I hope we can reach agreement without further delay."

Iran has repeatedly denied any interest in possessing nuclear arms, but the international community fears that Tehran may turn its peaceful uranium enrichment program toward weapons making — a concern that is growing as the government expands the number of machines it uses to enrich its stockpile of enriched uranium.

As those fears grow, so does concern that Israel could carry out its threats to attack Iran's nuclear facilities before that nation



**An Iranian technician works at the Uranium Conversion Facility just outside the city of Isfahan 255 miles (410 kilometers) south of the capital Tehran, Iran. The U.N. nuclear chief said Monday that Iran is not cooperating with an investigation into suspected secret work on nuclear weapons.**

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

reaches the bomb-making threshold.

Iran's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Khazaee reiterated his country's position, that it has a right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and rejected the claims in the IAEA report saying they are "not credible" and based on "forged reports" provid-

ed by Israel and the United States.

In his annual report to the world body, Amano said he also remains "seriously concerned" about North Korea's nuclear program, calling its statements about uranium enrichment activities and the construction of a light water reactor "deeply troubling."

## The Purple Rose

*He entered the room  
And placed the Purple Rose  
on the little table  
He sat in front of her and smiled  
She looked passed him  
and did not blink an eye.*

*It is now the fifteenth year that he has been doing this  
and still cannot get her to smile  
As he looked into the expressionless eyes  
his thoughts wandered away  
Oh ... how well he remembered  
the days when he brought her the Purple Rose*

*She would joyfully place it in her hair  
laugh, hug and kiss him  
They would spend hours having fun together  
Today he spends hours just looking into those expressionless eyes  
As he stood up to leave  
he kissed her on her fore head  
She then said:  
"But who are you?"*

*As the tears sprang into his eyes  
there was a lump in his throat  
With his trembling hands he placed  
the Purple Rose in her hair  
As he walked away  
he knew that she did not recognize  
nor remembered him  
But today he ... he lives on with the memory  
that he remembers all too well:*

*The memory of, . . . "the woman that she used to be.  
The woman he will always love."*

November, 2012.



Pa: Roland W. Peterson

## UK's Cameron wants abuse investigations

DAVID STRINGER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron ordered an investigation Monday into newly raised allegations related to a major child abuse scandal in north Wales in the 1970s and 1980s.

Cameron said he had also asked a Cabinet minister to meet with a victim of child abuse who alleges a senior figure at the time within the Conservative Party was involved in a pedophile ring.

"These actions are truly dreadful and they mustn't be left hanging in the air," Cameron, who now leads the Conservative Party, said in Abu Dhabi during a three-day tour of the Gulf and Middle East.

His announcement comes amid national scrutiny of the alleged sexual abuse of hundreds of young people by Jimmy Savile, the well-known BBC TV host who died last year. Police say that since the complaints against Savile were made public last month, hundreds of people not linked to his case have emerged to report their own allegations of past abuse. Cameron said he would appoint an independent figure to lead an investigation aimed at determining if a previous major public inquiry into the north Wales scandal was sufficiently thorough. The Waterhouse Inquiry reported in 2000 on abuse at several Welsh children's homes, foster homes and other care facilities in the 1970s and 1980s. In an interview with the BBC's "Newsnight" program broadcast Friday, abuse victim Steve Messham alleged that the Waterhouse Inquiry had stopped short of examining claims made against a Conservative Party figure. The BBC did not name the political figure, and no one connected at the time to the party has ever faced charges related to the abuse scandal. □



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# Greek unions start 3 days of anti-austerity protests

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's coalition government faces a crucial test in Parliament as unions on Monday launched three days of escalating strikes against austerity proposals that must win lawmakers' support if the debt-crippled country is to get more aid and stave off bankruptcy. The conservative-led coalition that has governed

since May 2010.

The next loan installment of €31.5 billion out of a total of €240 billion is already overdue and without it, Prime Minister Antonis Samaras has said Greece will run out of euros on Nov. 16. If the country cannot raise any more funds from elsewhere, it would quickly find it impossible to pay its debts. The government would

creasingly shaky as markets would assume other countries in the eurozone might be the next to go. Investors would begin to pull their money out of the region or demand higher returns to keep it there.

Samaras warned conservative lawmakers on Sunday about the risks the country faces if the measures — which include a two-year



**A cyclist drives in front of the Greek Parliament in central Athens, Monday, Nov. 5, 2012. Greece is facing three days of escalating anti-austerity strikes, with state hospital doctors, taxi drivers, transport workers and journalists walking off the job. The strikes come as the wobbly coalition government prepares to present another austerity package in Parliament later Monday. (AP Photo/Dimitri Messinis)**

Greece since June will later Monday present the country's fourth austerity package in more than two years to Parliament.

The drastic spending cuts and tax hikes demanded by the country's bailout creditors aim to save some €13.5 billion (\$17.3 billion) in 2013-14.

If lawmakers reject them in a vote Wednesday, Greece faces the prospect of losing vital rescue loans that have kept it afloat

then be forced into issuing its old currency, the drachma, to pay bills and wages. As well as pushing the country out of the eurozone, this could trigger a nightmare of bank runs, hyperinflation and currency depreciation that would vaporize savings and put even the most basic goods out of the reach of many Greeks.

If the country was forced into a default and began printing its own currency, the entire eurozone's finances would become in-

crease in the retirement age to 67, salary and pension cuts and another round of tax increases, including raising taxes for the interest on bank deposits from 10 to 15 percent — are not passed through Parliament. "The problem is not whether this measure or the other is adopted, ... (but) what would happen if the measures did not pass, if the agreement were not finalized," he said, repeating pledges that the cuts will be the last of their kind. □

## Report: Israel security heads nixed Iran attack

ARON HELLER

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister ordered the military to go on high alert for a looming attack on Iran's nuclear program two years ago, but backed off following strong objections from senior security officials, a respected Israeli news program reported Monday.

The report exposed a deep rift between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his top security officials over the wisdom of attacking Iran but also indicated that Israel was much closer to carrying out a strike at that time than was previously known.

Channel 2 TV's flagship investigative program "Uvda," or "Fact," reported that toward the end of a meeting in 2010 Netanyahu and his defense minister, Ehud Barak, ordered Israel's military chief and director of the Mossad espionage agency to put the country on "P Plus" status — code for pre-attack mode on Iran.

The report said the officials were shocked. Then-military chief Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi warned that Israel's enemies would notice the measure, which might touch off a war. "This is not something you do if you are not sure you will ultimately want to carry it out," he was quoted by unidentified close associates as saying. "This accordion produces music when you play with it."

Meir Dagan, the Mossad chief at the time, was even blunter, telling the leaders that without seeking formal approval from Netanyahu's Security Cabinet, a decision-making body of government ministers, they were "taking an illegal decision."

"The prime minister and defense minister simply tried to steal a decision to go to war," he was quoted by Uvda as saying. Dagan did not appear on camera, and Uvda attributed his remarks to his "associates."

Israel considers a nuclear-armed Iran to be an existential threat, citing Iranian denials of the Holocaust, its calls for striking the Jewish state and its support for hostile Arab militant groups. Tehran says its nuclear program is peaceful and designed to produce energy and medical isotopes, a claim that Israel and many Western countries reject.

Dagan, who stepped down as Mossad chief in 2010, is believed to be the mastermind of Israeli efforts to sabotage the Iranian project. The Mossad is suspected of infiltrating deep into Iran, spreading viruses and assassinating nuclear scientists.

But Dagan has also opposed a full-fledged attack and since his retirement has lashed out openly at the leaders, describing them as warmongers bent on striking Iran at all costs.

Netanyahu has repeatedly said the threat of force must be seriously considered should economic sanctions fail. He recently warned that the world has until next summer at the latest to keep Iran from building a bomb. But analysts have debated whether the Israeli leader would really be willing to order the strike.

Monday's report provided the strongest evidence to date that Netanyahu is prepared to attack, a move that could have dire, far-reaching consequences for the region. □



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# G-20 fears US sharp fiscal tightening

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 Associated Press  
 MEXICO CITY (AP) — Finance officials from the world's largest economies on Monday called on countries to reject protectionism and currency manipulation despite a raft of economic problems that include the U.S. deficit.

Meeting in Mexico City one day before the U.S. elections, the G-20 finance ministers issued a statement saying the United States faces "a potential sharp fiscal tightening."

"The United States will care-

fully calibrate the pace of fiscal tightening to ensure that public finances are placed on a sustainable long-run path, while avoiding a sharp fiscal contraction in 2013," the G-20 said in a statement posted on its website.

Agustin Carstens, the governor of Mexico's central bank, said "the rest of the G-20 countries told the United States how important this issue was for continuing the world economic recovery." While much of the attention at the two-day meeting focused on Europe's continuing financial crisis and

the U.S. deficit, the officials said there are many more problems. "Global growth remains modest and downside risks are still elevated, including due to possible

emerging markets and additional supply shocks in some commodity markets," the statement said.

Mexican Finance Minister Jose Antonio Meade said

firmly committed to open trade and investment, expanding markets and resisting protectionism in all its forms." In apparent reference to concerns that China or other countries might seek to combat a downturn in growth by manipulating currencies, the G-20 officials wrote, "we reiterate our commitments to move more rapidly toward more market-determined exchange rate systems and exchange rate flexibility to reflect underlying fundamentals, avoid persistent exchange rate misalignments and refrain from competitive devaluation of currencies."

Earlier Monday, Germany and the United Kingdom proposed that the world's biggest economies form a common front against tax evasion related to internet commerce and other revenue-shifting schemes, and said they received strong support at the meeting of officials from the G-20 nations. □



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 (Associated Press)

delays in the complex implementation of recent policy announcements in Europe ... securing funding for this year's budget in Japan, weaker growth in some

the group's work will focus in the coming months on restoring stability and reducing financial volatility.

Despite the challenges, the statement said, "We are

## 4 killed canyoneering in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Four men died while exploring the rushing waters of a river on the jungle-fringed plateaus of southern Venezuela, officials said Sunday.

The Venezuelan men were killed in the area of Uruyen on Saturday, Bolivar state security official Julio Fuentes Manzulli told Venezuelan media. They were accompanied by two other tourists and a guide who survived, the newspaper El Universal reported.

The four died in a flash flood, said Charles Brewer Capriles, a friend of the victims in Caracas. Brewer said he was told the group had been canyoneering, rappelling on a series of cascading waterfalls, when the river suddenly surged.

The accident occurred among Venezu-

ela's remote plateaus, where the world's tallest waterfall, Angel Falls, descends the sheer faces of the mountain Auyantepui.

Bolivar state Gov. Francisco Rangel Gomez said the group had arrived to the area by helicopter and that the survivors had called by satellite phone to alert authorities, the newspaper Ultimas Noticias reported.

A team of rescuers reached the area by helicopter on Sunday, Fuentes said.

The group had first traveled from Caracas to Canaima National Park. Trekking and tours by boat and helicopter are also popular in the park.

In another deadly accident in January, a helicopter crashed into Auyantepui, killing five people on board. □

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## Egypt's new pope opposes religious constitution

SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's new Coptic pope said Monday the constitution now being drafted will not be acceptable if it is overtly religious, a sign he would campaign with his Christian minority and secular groups against increasing Islam's role in the new charter.

In an interview aired Monday, a day after he was selected patriarch of Egypt's Coptic Church, Pope Tawadros II said the uprising that toppled President Hosni Mubarak last year has opened the way for a larger Coptic public role.

He said as pope, he will encourage the Christian community to participate more in political and public life, as well as elections. He charged that the country's Christian minority has been "intentionally" marginalized for years.

"After tens of years of mar-

ginalization and fake democracy, this has made some Copts isolated," he said in the interview aired on the private TV station ONTV. "This is changing bit by bit, and it will take time. It needs encouraging, and so long as society is fair, and

democracy is built fairly, you will see participation." Tawadros said Egypt's richness lies in its cultural mix between Muslims and Christians.

Tawadros appeared to addressing his wary community about the rising po-

litical power of Islamists. A series of violent attacks on churches and a crackdown on freedom of worship and expression have caused them to worry about their future.

The election of Egypt's Islamist President Mohamed Morsi heightened fears among the Copts that their rights might be curtailed. The fears have been further fueled by the process of writing a new constitution, which is dominated by Islamist groups seeking to increase the role of Islam in legislation.

Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood has said the constitution must be based on Islamic Shariah law, though that statement is open to different interpretations.

Tawadros said the country's new constitution, being drafted by a panel led by Islamists, will not be acceptable if it is too religious. He said religious laws have no place in the constitution.

"The constitution is for us all to live together, a common life, we need each other. This is the constitution that will bring us together," he said. "Any additions or hints that make the constitution religious will not be acceptable, not only to Copts but to many sectors in society." Tawadros called on Morsi to reassure the Copts because of what he said were repeated messages through the media or in public that have constituted "threats" or "disrespect" to the community. □



**Pope Tawadros II greets well-wishers after being named the 118th Coptic Pope in the Wadi Natrun Monastery complex northwest of Cairo, Egypt. Pope Tawadros II said Monday the constitution now being drafted will not be acceptable if it is overtly religious, a sign he would campaign with his Christian minority and secular groups against increasing Islam's role in the new charter. (AP Photo/Roger Anis)**

**Syria:**

## New chaos engulfs civil war

BARBARA SURK

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — New chaos engulfed Syria's civil war Monday as Palestinian supporters and opponents of the embattled regime were swept up in intense fighting in Damascus, while rival rebel groups clashed over control of a Turkish border crossing.

The rare infighting — accompanied by car bombs, airstrikes and artillery shells that killed or maimed dozens of people — heightened fears that if Syrian President Bashar Assad falls, the disparate factions battling the regime will turn on each other.

A suicide bomber detonat-



**Syrians stand at the scene after a blast occurred in the Mazzeh al-Jabal district of the Syrian capital Damascus, Syria, Monday, Nov. 5, 2012. Several people were killed and injured, among them children, Al-Ikhbaria said. (AP Photo/SANA)**

ed his explosives-laden car near an army checkpoint in Hama province, killing 50 soldiers in one of the dead-

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## As NATO nears exit, Afghan construction dries up

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**SANGAR RAHIMI**

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** – Jalalabad Road, the heart of what might be called the Afghan capital's military-industrial complex, has also become the place where heavy construction equipment comes to die.

Lined with Afghan and NATO military facilities and the contracting firms that serve them, the road is also garlanded with miles of brightly colored holding yards – in the yellows, oranges, blues and reds of backhoes and diggers, forklifts and bulldozers, cranes and cherry pickers, graders and rollers.

Most of them are new, or newish, and nearly all are idled. Nowhere is the impending collapse of Afghanistan's construction industry more evident than here, where Afghan companies that hire out heavy equipment to construction firms have hit hard times.

"In the past two months nobody has rented a single piece of my machinery," said Shafiq Ahmad Sidiqi, 28, who owns a construction company and rents out hydraulic lift platforms, of which he has 30 in various sizes. "The foreigners are leaving, and the money is drawing down."

Precise figures on the falloff of construction in Afghanistan are difficult to come by, but those in the business say the impending U.S. and NATO withdrawal has not only slashed military spending, but also depressed construction spending generally.

"The decline of investment in construction started at the beginning of 2012 as soon as the 2014 deadline



**Heavy construction equipment workers rest at an Afghan construction company headquarters in Kabul. Jalalabad Road is garlanded with miles of holding yards for idled heavy construction equipment, a sign of the impending collapse of Afghanistan's construction industry.**

(Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)

was announced," said Ghulam Ali Danish Kamal, executive manager of the Afghan Builders Association. Kamal said the number of construction companies in Afghanistan had fallen to at most 3,000, compared with 10,000 at one time. "Already there has been a 30 to 40 percent drop in investment in construction this year, and some of the projects that you see here are from 2011, which will be completed by the end of this year," he said. "In 2013, most of the companies will be out of a job, and even if there are some projects they will be small ones."

Afghan government officials insist things are not as bad as all that.

"We don't confirm the decline in the number of construction companies," said Wafiullah Iftikhar, president of the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency, who maintained that the drop in military financing would be made up for in long-term foreign investment.

"We do accept that there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of projects and contracts awarded by NATO forces in 2012, but it does not necessarily mean the construction sector would collapse," he said. "We are hopeful that in the near future the construction sector would boom once again, since the international community has pledged billions of dollars to spend on infrastructural and economic development projects."

That is little solace to Sidiqi. At the height of the boom in 2010 and 2011, his company employed 400 full-time workers on a dozen projects, many of them in dangerous areas in southern Afghanistan. He has let all but a few office staff members go, and hires temporary workers whenever a project comes along.

He said he had only one project on the books, a \$500,000 job building container housing on a base, and that is likely to fall through, too.

"I just got an email that it's

going to be canceled," he said.

His company had contracts with the French military, so was hit harder and sooner than some others, after the French announced they would complete their pull-out a year ahead of schedule, by the end of 2013, after losing troops this year to attacks attributed to Afghan security forces.

Last year, Sidiqi said, he made a fateful business decision, deciding to sink his profits into the purchase of a couple dozen more hydraulic lift platforms at \$22,000 apiece, because the profits in renting them were so high. By the time he took delivery, the business had tanked. "Now, I could sell them for scrap metal," he said.

"Before the announcement of the withdrawal, all these yards were empty because the equipment was out on jobs," he said. Now, the yards are almost all full, and all over Kabul are the skeletons of unfinished buildings, devoid of workers. The slowdown has had one unintended consequence at Qara Co., a loose cooperative of 15 crane owner-operators who originally came from Bamian province: They have all gotten to be good volleyball players, since there is nothing much else for them to do but play on the court they have set up in their yard.

"Before, we used to have clients twice a day," said Mohammad Musa, 35, one of the crane owners, who has a 20-ton, Japanese-made Tadano crane with a 115-foot boom. "Now, we are lucky if we have one a week." □

## Pakistan's gay community seen cautious

**MEGHAN LADLY**

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**LAHORE, Pakistan** – The group meets irregularly in a simple building among a row of shops here that close in the evening. Drapes cover the windows. Sometimes members watch movies or read poetry. Occasionally, they give a party, dance and drink and let off steam. The group is invitation only, by word of mouth. Members communicate through an email list and are careful not to jeopardize the location of their meetings. One room is reserved for "crisis situations," when someone may need a place to hide, most often from her own family. This is their safe space – a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Pakistanis.

"The gay scene here is very hush-hush," said Ali, a member who did not want his full name used. "I wish it was a bit more open, but you make do with what you have."

That is slowly changing as a relative handful of younger gays and lesbians, many educated in the West, seek to foster more acceptance of their sexuality and to carve out an identity, even in a climate of religious conservatism.

Homosexual acts remain illegal in Pakistan, based on laws constructed by the British during colonial rule. No civil rights legislation exists to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination. But the reality is far more complex, more akin to "don't ask, don't tell" than a state-sponsored witch hunt. □





**At the Playa Linda Beach Resort:  
Robert and Lori Edge honored by Aruba Tourism Authority**



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, at the Playa Linda Beach Resort as Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were Robert and Lori Edge, from Port Ewen, NY. Robert and Lori are loyal members of the Playa Linda Beach Resort and they love Aruba very much, because of the extremely friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants and most of all the Golf, Golf and Golf! The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Yvette Tromp, representing the Playa Linda Beach Resort. □

**Loyal visitors honored by ATA at the Costa Linda Beach Resort**



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## DREAMS 'Secret Lover' revealed....

Dreams launches new song and new videoclip "Secret Lover" sung by Amos Balentin and arranged by Randy Rosheuvel. The former cache band member is yet to kick off his new musi-

cal endeavor with the most talked about local band Dreams.

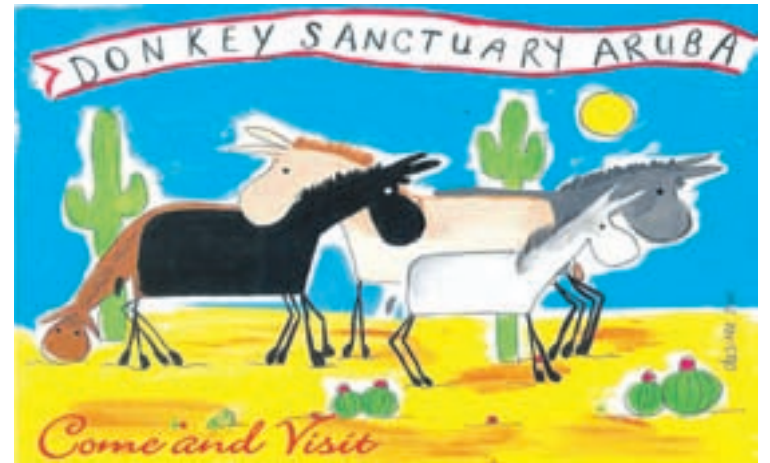
The band, owned and managed by musical producer Axel Pikero, has known musical heights with

songs like 'Hot Chocolate', 'Friends with benefits' and more. Traveling around the region and Holland, Dreams is looking forward to start this new chapter with Amos Balentin on the



10th of November when the debut performance will take place. The video clip was launched on the bands YouTube profile and

will soon be on regional TV channels. The song can be heard and requested for at every local and regional radio station! □



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# Boston Fam Group visits Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa

**EAGLE BEACH** –Recently, Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa welcomed 10 travel agents from Boston, accompanied by US ATA Representative Kathy Kennedy and Sales Assistant, Lidia Halley. Surprisingly, this was the first visit for most of the group members to Aruba and Manchebo.

The group was given a site inspection, and they were shown the recently renovated rooms, hotel facilities and Caribbean Balinese style Spa, Spa del Sol, with its exotic garden and outdoor wooden cabanas on the beach.

Strawberry Combined Passion Fruit Smoothies were prepared for the travel agents which they graciously welcomed on this particularly hot day on Aruba, along with a bottle of Aruba's very own "Awa" upon their departure on the tour bus. □



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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### NHL, union to return to bargaining table Tuesday

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** - The NHL and the players' association stuck to their word and made quick plans to get back to the bargaining table.

After all-day negotiations Saturday, the sides agreed Monday to resume talks on Tuesday in New York. Both sides said the discussions over the weekend were good, creating some optimism that perhaps a deal could soon be reached to save the already truncated hockey season.

The NHL and union hadn't met since Oct. 18 when each side turned down offers. NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly and players' association special counsel Steve Fehr got together by themselves Saturday in an undisclosed location and held productive talks.

"We had a series of meetings over the course of the day and had a good, frank discussion on the most important issues separating us," Daly said Sunday.

He and Fehr talked on the phone several times during the week and reached enough common ground to make face-to-face meetings possible.

Fehr echoed Daly's encouraging remarks after Saturday's get-together that lasted well into the night.

"Hopefully we can continue the dialogue, expand the group, and make steady progress," Fehr said.

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# STAR POWER

## Lakers drub Pistons for first win of the season

Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard, top, dunks as Detroit Pistons guard Kim English watches during the second half of their NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 108-79. Associated Press





# Djokovic, Murray win opening matches at ATP finals

**CHRIS LEHOURITES**

**AP Sports Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray won their opening matches Monday at the ATP finals, setting up a Wednesday showdown between two of the top three players in the world.

The top-ranked Djokovic beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (4), 6-3 in Group A, hours after third-ranked Murray rallied to defeat Tomas Berdych 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

The ATP finals is the season-ending tournament for the top eight players in the world. Fourth-ranked Rafael Nadal, however, pulled out because of injury.

Group B, which includes six-time champion Roger Federer, will play Tuesday at the O2 Arena.

Djokovic saved three break points against Tsonga in the opening set, and then looked dominant the rest of the way.

After winning the tiebreaker, the Serb broke Tsonga's serve in the opening game of the second set, and then again in the final game.

In the early match, the clang of an advertising sign must have served as a wake-up call for a frustrated Murray.

The U.S. Open champion, playing at home in Britain



**Andy Murray of Britain plays a return to Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic during their singles tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals in London Monday, Nov. 5, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

for the first time since winning his first major title two months ago, failed to convert 10 break points before finally finding his game and beating Berdych.

"He served very well on a lot of the break points, especially in the first set. He started to miss a few more first serves (in the) second and third sets when I had my chances," Murray said. "That sort

of helped me get into the point and find a way of being aggressive, using some variety, whereas some of the time in the first set he just completely overpowered me."

Murray missed all seven of his break chances in the first set, and then wasted three more in the fourth game of the second set. After the third, he whacked the ball in anguish, but

even that failed to make it to the other side of the court. Instead, it clanged off the sponsor sign hanging on the net.

Berdych then put a forehand wide, and Murray finally earned the break he needed to take the second set when his Czech opponent's forehand sailed long, making it 3-1.

"Unfortunately there was just, well, small details that

just decided today," said Berdych, who had wasted three break points in the previous game. "Just hit a forehand return, and it was just like small out. And who knows, it could be 2-1, early break after winning the first set."

In the third set, Murray didn't waste his only opportunity. He converted the one break point he earned in that final set to take a 2-1 lead, and then lost only three points on his serve the rest of the way.

"Indoor matches — when both of us, I thought, served pretty well, weren't losing too many points on our first serve — it can hinge on a couple points here or there," Murray said.

Murray was playing in Britain for the first time since ending the country's 76-year wait for a men's Grand Slam champion. Although he reached the Wimbledon final and won the gold medal at the London Olympics, no British man had won a major tennis title since Fred Perry in 1936. "I wasn't thinking about that when I went out to play the match," Murray said of his victory in New York. "But the noise and the atmosphere at the beginning of the match was great." □

## McIlroy in pole spot to win European money title

**BERNIE McGUIRE**

**Associated Press**

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — Rory McIlroy looks set to win the European Tour money title with nearest rival Peter Hanson and the next four challengers declining to contest the last two tournaments.

McIlroy only has to finish in the top 10 at the Singapore Open this week to clinch the Race to Dubai as he is €764,776 (\$978,000) in front of the second-place Hanson.

English pair Justin Rose and Ian Poulter are next, followed by the South African

duo of Branden Grace and Ernie Els.

Poulter came from four strokes back to win the HSBC Champions in China by two shots on Sunday, rising from 13th to fourth in the money order after capturing his second WGC title. All five players under McIlroy are sitting out the tournaments in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Singapore Open organizers were holding an invitation for Hanson but he's cited tiredness and has returned to his Florida home.

"I've been on the road three weeks now since

playing the India Open, and that's a long enough time to be away from my young family and they're more important," the Swede said. "It's disappointing that it won't sort of add spice to these next two events but then given the season I've had, winning the KLM Open, playing in a winning Ryder Cup team and beating Rory last week in Shanghai (the BMW Masters) to win three out of four, I have to be very happy."

"In the bigger picture, I still have plenty of years to win the Race to Dubai and be-



**Rory McIlroy sets back his winner's trophy after winning his 18-hole medal-match against Tiger Woods at the Lake Jinsha Golf Club in Zhengzhou, in central China's Henan province, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

sides, given the way Rory has played this year, I feel as though he deserves to end the year No. 1.

McIlroy arrived in Singapore on Monday night for his first appearance in the

co-sanctioned event. Also back home in Orlando is Poulter and Rose. Poulter plans to play in the Australian Masters next week, when the Hong Kong Open will be held. □



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## NFL Capsules

# Sloppy Steelers still too good for Giants 24-20

The Associated Press  
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Isaac Redman ran for 147 yards, and scored the winning touchdown from a yard out with 4:02 remaining Sunday as the Pittsburgh Steelers rallied past the New York Giants, 24-20.

The Steelers (5-3) snapped New York's four-game winning streak by overcoming some uncharacteristic sloppiness and dominating the second half.

Temporary relief from the destruction of Superstorm Sandy was what New York's fans sought, and the Giants (6-3) provided it for a while. But they couldn't stop Redman or touchdowns of 51 yards for Mike Wallace and 4 yards for Emmanuel Sanders on passes from Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers arrived in New Jersey hours before the game, which might have accounted for their carelessness. They had the fewest giveaways in the NFL entering the game, but were neglectful with the ball and in pass coverage; cornerback Keenan Lewis had 87 yards on two pass interference penalties, and they wasted some great kick returns, too.

COLTS 23, DOLPHINS 20  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck broke the NFL's single-game rookie record by throwing for 433 yards in leading Indianapolis. Luck was 30 of 48 with two TDs and broke Cam Newton's previous mark of 422 yards set last season. And it came on the day coach Chuck Pagano returned to Lucas Oil Stadium for the first time since being diagnosed with leukemia. Indy (5-3) has won three

straight.

Miami (4-4) got another strong performance from Ryan Tannehill, too. He went 22 of 38 for 290 yards with one TD.

The rookie quarterbacks traded jabs all day, but Luck's 36-yard TD pass to T.Y. Hilton gave Indy a 20-17 lead, and Adam Vinatieri's 43-yard field goal with 6:03 left broke a 20-20 tie.

BUCCANEERS 42, RAIDERS 32

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rookie Doug Martin rushed for a franchise-record 251 yards and four touchdowns and Ahmad Black intercepted a Carson Palmer pass after Oakland had cut an 18-point deficit to three late in the fourth quarter.

Martin, who was born in Oakland, had a memorable homecoming for the Bucs (4-4) by scoring on runs of 1, 45, 67 and 70 yards in the second half as he gashed what had been an improved run defense for the Raiders (3-5).

Martin, the 31st pick in April out of Boise State, became the first back since at least 1940 to score on three TD runs of at least 45 yards in one game, according to STATS LLC.

FALCONS 19, COWBOYS 13  
ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Turner had a tiebreaking 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, Matt Bryant kicked four field goals and the Falcons beat the Cowboys to extend their run as the NFL's only unbeaten team.

Turner had 20 carries for 102 yards and Matt Ryan had a season-high 342 yards passing for the Falcons (8-0), who took their first lead on Turner's TD with 14:16 left in the game. □



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Isaac Redman (33) dives for the winning touchdown during the fourth quarter of their NFL football game against the New York Giants, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Steelers won 24-20. Sunday's Associated Press

## Doctor: Colts coach Pagano's leukemia is in remission



In this Sept. 23, 2012, file photo, Indianapolis Colts head coach Chuck Pagano appears before an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The doctor of Indianapolis Colts coach Chuck Pagano says his leukemia is in remission.

Dr. Larry Cripe told The Associated Press on Monday that Pagano's white blood cell count was normal and his bone marrow showed no indication of the disease.

Earlier Monday, interim coach Bruce Arians said the Colts (5-3) hoped to have Pagano back on the sideline for their regular-season finale Dec. 30. Pagano spoke to his players before and after Sunday's 23-20 victory over Miami.

Pagano was diagnosed with leukemia Sept. 26 and remained hospitalized until Oct. 21 as doctors treated him with chemotherapy. He has been resting at home since then.

Sunday marked the first time he was allowed to return to Lucas Oil Stadium.

Pagano will go through a second round of chemotherapy soon because some cancerous cells may remain in his body. □



# NBA Capsules Lakers win at last, beat Pistons to end skid



Orlando Magic guard Arron Afflalo (4) drives to the net over Phoenix Suns guard Goran Dragic (1) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012. The Magic won 115-94.

Associated Press

## Ortiz, Red Sox finalize \$26M, 2-year deal

**BOSTON (AP)** — David Ortiz, the face of the Red Sox since helping Boston end an 86-year World Series drought in 2004, has finalized a \$26 million, two-year contract.

The soon-to-be 37-year old Ortiz attended a Fenway Park news conference Monday to announce the agreement, which includes bonuses that could raise the value to \$30 million. Big Papi had consecutive game-ending hits in extra innings of Games 4 and 5 of the 2004 AL championship series against the Yankees as the Red Sox became the first major league team to overcome a 0-3 deficit in



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz speaks as general manager Ben Cherington, left, listens during a baseball news conference, Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at Fenway Park in Boston.

a best-of-seven postseason series. The eight-time All-Star has

hit 343 homers for Boston, fifth on the team's career list, and has 1,088 RBIs. □

### The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dwight Howard scored 28 points, Kobe Bryant had 15 points and eight assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers finally got their first victory of the season, 108-79 over the winless Detroit Pistons on Sunday night.

Metta World Peace scored 18 points and Pau Gasol added 14 for the Lakers, who went 0-8 in the pre-season and started the regular season 0-3 for just the fourth time in franchise history despite adding Howard and Steve Nash over the summer.

Jonas Jerebko scored 18 points for Detroit in the second stop on a difficult six-game road trip.

**KNICKS 100, 76ERS 84**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Carmelo Anthony scored 27 points, JR Smith had 20, and the Knicks rode another big 3-point shooting night to a victory over the 76ers in the opener of home-and-home series.

Jason Kidd had 12 points and six assists, and Raymond Felton added 11 points for the Knicks (2-0), who followed their 19 3-pointers in a season-opening victory over Miami by making 11 Sunday. They have won their two games by a combined 36 points.

Jrue Holiday had 27 points and seven assists for the 76ers (1-1), who will try for a split Monday at home. Thaddeus Young scored 16 points before fouling out and Evan Turner had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

**RAPTORS 105, TIMBERWOLVES 86**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan each scored 22 points, Alan Anderson had 18 and the Raptors earned their first victory of the season, beating Minnesota.

Andrea Bargnani scored 10 points as the Raptors extended Minnesota's miserable record against Toronto. The Raptors have won 15 of the past 16 meetings, including nine straight at home. Minnesota has not won in Toronto since Jan. 21, 2004.

Andrei Kirilenko scored

17 points and Nikola Pekovic had 15 for the Timberwolves, who were outscored 26-13 in the fourth quarter, making just four of 16 field goal attempts.

**MAGIC 115, SUNS 94**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — J.J. Redick scored 24 points, Arron Afflalo and Glen Davis each had 22 points, and Nikola Vucevic added 18 points and 13 rebounds as the Magic rallied to beat Phoenix. The Magic trailed by as many as 13 points early in the second half, but used a 40-point third quarter to build a lead that swelled to 21 points in the fourth.

Luis Scola led the Suns with 24 points and Michael Beasley added 22. But Phoenix's shooting eroded overall in the second half.

**HAWKS 104, THUNDER 95**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Al Horford had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Lou Williams added 10 of his 19 points during Atlanta's decisive fourth-quarter surge and the Hawks beat the Thunder.

Williams hit a 3-pointer, a 24-foot jumper and converted a three-point play off a driving scoop in the lane during a 12-4 push midway through the fourth quarter that put the Hawks in front to stay. Williams' two free throws made it 91-84 with 4:44 to play, and Atlanta held off a final charge by Oklahoma City. Kevin Martin scored 28 points off the bench to lead the Thunder and Kevin Durant chipped in 22 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists. Durant was two assists shy of his first career triple-double but also wound up with six turnovers while shooting 2 for 8 in the second half. Fellow All-Star Russell Westbrook had an off night, making 5 of 18 shots while scoring 14 points and passing out nine assists. In other NBA games it was New York 100, Philadelphia 84; Orlando 115, Phoenix 94;

Toronto 105, Minnesota 86; Atlanta 104, Oklahoma City 95; and L.A. Lakers 108, Detroit 79. □



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Sporting Kansas City's Jacob Peterson, front, and Houston Dynamo's Corey Ashe work to control the ball during an MLS Eastern Conference semifinal soccer game, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, in Houston.  
 Associated Press

## MLS-Roundup

# San Jose wins at LA, Houston Dynamo downs Sporting KC

**CARSON, California (AP)**

— San Jose's Victor Bernardez scored from a long-range free kick deep into stoppage time to give the Earthquakes a 1-0 win at Los Angeles Galaxy on Sunday in the opening leg of their MLS Western Conference semifinal series. over Sporting Kansas City, taking the advantage ahead of the second leg. Bernardez, the Honduran center back, blistered the ball from 31 yards through the Galaxy wall at the top of the box and off goalkeeper Josh Saunders, who was unable to keep it from crossing the goal line. The second leg between the California rivals is Wednesday in Santa Clara with the winner advancing to a home-and-away matchup against either the

Seattle Sounders or Real Salt Lake for a berth in the Dec. 1 MLS Cup final.

"It's halftime," said San Jose coach Frank Yallop, whose team twice rallied from two-goal deficits to beat L.A. this season and overcame two disadvantages for a 2-2 draw two weeks ago. "It was an even game, they shaded on chances, for sure, but we're going home now. ... We're one up, but 90 minutes of football is a long, long time.

"They're going to throw everything at us to try to get the equalizer and obviously try to go on and win. We know that."

Bernardez, who forced a sprawling save from Saunders on a free kick at the start of the second half, took the kick after Marcelo Sarvas fouled Simon

Dawkins, a call the Galaxy disputed. His low shot sneaked through the wall, and Saunders made the initial stop but couldn't control the spinning ball.

"I'm always looking to score when I take a free kick like that from distance," said Bernardez. "The important thing is it went in. That's all that really matters."

The Galaxy had more and better chances in an intense affair battled primarily in midfield, but their best opportunity — a Robbie Keane blast from 26 yards in the 86th minute — rebounded off the crossbar. L.A. didn't take a shot until the 67th minute — Sean Franklin firing toward the lower-left corner — and that was the only difficult stop Quakes goalkeeper Jon Busch was forced to make. "Our team played well tonight," Galaxy coach Bruce Arena said. "We didn't finish off plays technically in and around the penalty area. It cost us the game. We were in position to get a goal or two tonight for sure. Failed to execute the last pass or shot." Meanwhile in the Eastern Conference, Houston Dynamo had a 2-0 home win. Houston got goals from Adam Moffat and Will Bruin to give the Texan club a narrow advantage ahead of the return in Kansas City on Wednesday.

"It's not over," Houston Dynamo head coach Dominic Kinnear said. "We know that. If we go to Kansas City thinking that 2-0 is going to carry us to the top and take care of itself, then we are approaching the game the wrong way, and I won't let them do that." □

## NHL Union

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It wasn't immediately determined Monday whether Tuesday's bargaining session would be conducted by just Daly and Fehr or if a larger group — perhaps including NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr — would also take part. The lockout entered its 51st day Monday. So far, 327 games — including the outdoor Winter Classic — have been called off, and the NHL says a full season won't be played.

No new formal proposals were made Saturday, but it is believed the issue of payments of existing player contracts was a big part of the discussions.

"I'm not in a position to talk substance about agenda or expectations," Daly wrote Tuesday in an email to The Associated Press.

A major point of contention between the NHL and the players' association has been the "make whole" provision, which will ensure that all current player contracts will be paid out regardless of any changes made to the split of hockey-related revenues or contract language.

The NHL appears ready to cover more of the costs of those deals as opposed to making them part of the players' share of revenue in future years. In its most recent offer last month, the NHL said it would honor the current contracts in deferred payments, but those would be included in the players' share of revenues.

The union balked at that offer.

The labor dispute, which began Sept. 16, has forced all games from Oct. 11 through Nov. 30 to be called off. It isn't known if any of those games will be rescheduled if the sides come to an agreement soon, but an NHL deadline has already passed that would have allowed for each team to play all 82 games. The season needed to start by Friday for that to happen, but the only hockey activity that day was the cancellation of the outdoor game at Michigan Stadium between the host Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs.

There is a sense of urgency now because nearly two months of the season have already been called off. If a deal isn't reached soon,

the NHL could be looking at its second lost campaign since 2004.

In its most recent proposal, the NHL offered the union a 50-50 split of hockey-related revenue, which exceeded \$3 billion last season, but that offer was rejected. The players responded with three offers that went nowhere.

The NHL offer was pulled back because it was contingent on the league playing a complete season.

Players earned 57 percent of revenue in the recently expired contract, in which a salary cap was included for the first time. Owners sought to bring that number below 50 percent this time before their most recent offer.

This is the third lockout in Bettman's tenure as commissioner. □



## Study: Vitamins don't lower heart risks in men

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Multivitamins might help lower the risk for cancer in healthy older men but do not affect their chances of developing heart disease, new research suggests.

Two other studies found fish oil didn't work for an irregular heartbeat condition called atrial fibrillation, even though it is thought to help certain people with heart disease or high levels of fats called triglycerides in their blood.

The bottom line: Dietary supplements have varied effects and whether one is right for you may depend on your personal health profile, diet and lifestyle.

"Many people take vitamin supplements as a crutch," said study leader Dr. Howard Sesso of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "They're no substitute for a heart-healthy diet, exercising, not smoking, keeping your weight down," especially for lowering heart risks.

The studies were presented Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Los Angeles.

A separate analysis released in connection with the meeting showed that at least 1 in 3 baby boomers who are in good shape



Centrum multivitamins are shown on the packaging line at the Pfizer plant in Montreal. Multivitamins might help lower the risk for cancer in healthy older men but do not affect their chances of developing heart disease, new research suggests.

(AP Photo/Graham Hughes)

will eventually develop heart problems or have a stroke. The upside is that that will happen about seven years later than for their less healthy peers.

The study is "a wake-up call that this disease is very prevalent in the United States and even if you're doing a good job, you're not immune," said Dr. Vincent Bufalino, a Chicago-area cardiologist and spokesman for the American Heart Association.

The findings came in an analysis of five major studies involving nearly 50,000 adults aged 45 and older who were followed for up to 50 years.

The research was published online by the Journal of the American Medical

Association, along with the vitamin paper and one fish oil study.

Multivitamins are America's favorite dietary supplement. About one-third of adults take them. Yet no government agency recommends their routine use for preventing chronic diseases, and few studies have tested them to see if they can.

A leading preventive medicine task force even recommends against beta-carotene supplements, alone or with other vitamins, to prevent cancer or heart disease because some studies have found them harmful.

And vitamin K can affect bleeding and interfere with some commonly used

heart drugs.

Sesso's study involved nearly 15,000 healthy male doctors given monthly packets of Centrum Silver or fake multivitamins.

After about 11 years, there were no differences between the groups in heart attacks, strokes, chest pain, heart failure or heart-related deaths.

Side effects were fairly similar except for more rashes among vitamin users.

The National Institutes of Health paid for most of the study. Pfizer Inc. supplied the pills and other companies supplied the packaging.

The same study a few weeks ago found that multivitamins cut the chance of developing cancer by 8 percent — a modest amount and less than what can be achieved from a good diet, exercise and not smoking.

Multivitamins also may have different results in women or people less healthy than those in this study — only 4 percent smoked, for example.

The fish-oil studies tested prescription-strength omega-3 capsules from several companies in two different groups of people for preventing atrial fibrillation, a fluttering, irregular heartbeat. □

## Importance of lung cancer awareness

JOE SEGURA

LONG BEACH —

Lung cancer is linked to more deaths than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined — yet it doesn't get the same attention or funding for research, officials at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center say.

Local officials are pushing for more screenings and attention as part of November's National Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Nearly 2,000 people are treated for all types of cancer at the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute annually.

This year alone, according to hospital officials, lung cancer will be the cause of an estimated 160,000 deaths in the country and more than 200,000 new cases will emerge.

Yet, lung cancer receives the least amount of funding — about \$1,500 for each person who has died of the disease, compared with \$26,000 for each death from breast cancer — for research, Memorial officials said.

The gap in funding has kept the five-year survival rate for lung cancer at 15 percent over the past 40 years, while the survival rate for breast cancer and prostate cancer has reached nearly 90 percent.

Lung cancer, according to experts, often shows no symptoms until the disease has reached an advanced stage, decreasing the rate of survival.

Part of the reason is that the common assumption is only smokers get lung cancer, health officials said.

But smoking is only one factor; about 60 percent of new lung cancer cases are former smokers and nearly 20 percent have never smoked, according to the American Cancer Society, which estimated that 3,000 nonsmoking adults will die annually as a result of breathing secondhand smoke. □

## Even fit people won't escape heart problems

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CHICAGO (AP) —

Here's a reality check for health-conscious aging people: Even among those in good shape, at least 1 in 3 will eventually develop heart problems or have a stroke. The upside is that that will happen about seven years later than for their less healthy peers.

The findings come in a U.S. analysis of five major studies involving nearly 50,000 adults aged 45 and older who were followed for up to 50 years.

The best odds are in the healthiest adults — those who don't smoke, have diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol. Still, among 55-year-olds in that category, about a third

can expect to develop heart or other cardiovascular problems as they age.

Dr. Vincent Bufalino, a Chicago-area cardiologist and spokesman for the American Heart Association, said the study is "a wake-up call that this disease is very prevalent in the United States and even if you're doing a good job, you're not immune."

The researchers estimated risks older people face for developing these ailments in their lifetime, or by their 80s or 90s. They also estimated how many years they'll live free of heart disease and related problems, depending on the most common risk factors.

Pooling follow-up data from the five analyzed studies, the researchers

found that the healthiest 45-year-olds lived up to 14 years longer free of heart ailments than those with at least two risk factors. The healthiest 55-year-olds lived up to about seven years longer than their less healthy peers.

The study was published online Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association and released in connection with the American Heart Association conference meeting in Los Angeles. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute paid for the research.

The authors estimated higher lifetime risks than previous studies, but their analysis involved a broader range of ailments, including heart failure and strokes.

While prevalence of heart

disease and related deaths have declined across the U.S. in recent years, more than 82 million Americans — roughly one-third — have some form of cardiovascular disease, according to the American Heart Association.

Most people in the analysis had high blood pressure or at least one of the other risk factors.

The results shouldn't be discouraging, said lead author Dr. John Wilkins, an assistant professor of preventive medicine and cardiology at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago. Maintaining an optimal lifestyle, by eating sensibly and staying active, is still the best way to live a long, healthy life, he said.

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The Nexus 4 smartphone is shown by Randall Safara of Google at a Google announcement in San Francisco, Monday, Oct. 29, 2012.

Associated Press

## Apple suit vs. Google over patent rates dismissed

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A federal judge on Monday threw out a suit by Apple Inc. claiming that Google subsidiary Motorola Mobility is seeking unreasonably high license fees for the use of patents on wireless technology.

The suit is part of a world-spanning battle between Apple and Google, whose Android software powers the smartphones that compete with Apple's iPhone. Google bought Motorola Mobility, a once pioneering maker of cellphones, this summer to gain control of its patents and gain leverage against Apple in its court battles.

In the suit filed last year, Apple said the license fee Motorola sought — of 2.25 percent of the price of devices that incorporate Motorola's patented technologies — was too high. The devices at issue include the iPhone and iPod Touch.

Motorola is obliged by standards-setting bodies to offer licenses at "reasonable" rates when the patents are part of industry standards like Wi-Fi and cellular technology. There are, however, various answers as to what constitutes a "reasonable" rate. □

# Netflix moves to block a hostile takeover

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Netflix is moving to protect itself against hostile takeovers, less than a week after activist investor Carl Icahn disclosed a stake of nearly 10 percent in the online video company.

Netflix Inc. said Monday that it has adopted a shareholder rights plan, also known as a poison pill. Such a plan is designed to make it difficult or even impossible for someone to take over the company without an agreement from the board. When the provision is triggered, addi-

tional shares flood the market and make it prohibitively expensive for a takeover. Netflix said the provision is triggered if a person or group acquires 10 percent of Netflix, or 20 percent in the case of institutional investors, in a deal not approved by the board. The Los Gatos, California-company said that its plan isn't intended to interfere with a board-approved transaction.

"Adopting a rights plan is a very reasonable thing to do in light of the recent accumulation of a lot of

Netflix stock by an activist shareholder," spokesman Jonathan Friedland said.

Icahn disclosed last Wednesday that he spent some of his \$14 billion fortune on his 10 percent stake. The documents he filed didn't disclose why Icahn and his investment funds have been buying 5.5 million Netflix shares since early September. But it's likely that he would press Netflix to make dramatic changes to boost its stock price.

The company has been stumbling since it raised its

U.S. prices by as much as 60 percent last year. That triggered a backlash that resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands customers and raised concerns on Wall Street that CEO Reed Hastings would have trouble paying for an ambitious plan to expand the company's service into dozens of other countries.

There is some cause for worry. Netflix's earnings through the first nine months of this year have fallen by 95 percent from last year. □



In this Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, photo, a woman holds up a Netflix envelope to be photographed in front of a Netflix application on a television in East Derry, N.H.

Associated Press

## Photo-sharing app Instagram expands to the Web

BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Instagram, the photo-sharing app that was created for mobile phones, is expanding to the Web.

The service will launch Instagram profiles on the Web over the next few days. Previously, users' profiles existed only on Instagram's mobile applications accessed on the iPhone or Android devices. Now, users will have a website with a profile photo, bio and a

selection of the snapshots they've recently shared on Instagram.

Instagram, which is owned by Facebook Inc., made its announcement in a blog post Monday.

The layout of the Web profiles is reminiscent of Facebook timelines, except with little text and no ads. Users will have a large cover image that's a collage of their old Instagram shots. Their profile photo is on the right side and their snapshots cascade down the

page.

Facebook has insisted since it bought Instagram this year that it will keep it running as a separate service. That still appears to be the case. The Instagram Web pages don't link to Facebook and don't ask users to log in using their Facebook accounts.

Instagram's privacy settings are like Twitter's. Users can either choose to be fully public, so that anyone can see and comment on their photos, or private,

such that photos can be seen only to pre-approved followers. Unlike with Facebook's complex, granular privacy controls, there is nothing in between.

Facebook, which is based in Menlo Park, California, agreed to buy Instagram in a deal valued at \$1 billion in April, before its May initial public offering of stock. Upon closing on Aug. 31, the deal was worth \$715.3 million because of Facebook's fallen stock price. □



## Markets edge up a day ahead of election

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AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — On the day before the U.S. presidential election, stock indexes managed slight gains in thin trading. After wavering between small gains and losses, the Dow Jones industrial average ended with a gain of 19.28 points to start the week, closing at 13,112.44 on Monday. Uncertainty surrounding the election will prevent most investors from making any big moves before it's over, said Randy Frederick, managing director of active trading and derivatives at the brokerage Charles Schwab. National polls show President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney locked in a tight race. The two candidates are spending the fi-

nal days of the campaign holding rallies in Ohio and other states considered crucial to winning the White House.

"I honestly think the markets are going to sit here and mark time," Frederick said. "The markets have a tendency to trade sideways before big news events, and nothing is bigger than a presidential election." Frederick said he believes that no matter who wins, the stock market will likely surge once it's over for the sole reason that investors will know the name of the next president. But that's assuming there's a winner by Wednesday. If the election comes down to a thin margin in a swing state, the outcome could be delayed for days.

In other Monday trading, the Standard & Poor's 500

index rose 3.06 points to 1,417.26, while the Nasdaq composite index climbed 17 points to 2,999.66. Just 2.9 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange, well below the recent average.

Apple rose \$7.82 to \$584.62. The company said it sold 3 million iPads in the three days after launching a smaller version, the Mini. Tim Cook, Apple's CEO, said the iPad Mini is "practically sold out."

In the market for U.S. government debt, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.68 percent, down from 1.72 percent late Friday.

There was only one major economic report, a measure of activity among so-called service companies, which employ about 90 percent of the American workforce. The Institute for Supply Management's service-sector index showed growth in October, but at a slower pace than in September, and just short of what economists expected.

In Europe, renewed focus on Greece's economic problems combined with uncertainty over the U.S. election to push markets lower. Germany's benchmark index, the DAX, dropped 0.5 percent, and the CAC-40 in France fell 1.3 percent.

"With the race so close, investors are understandably risk-averse today," said James Hughes, chief market analyst at Alpari, a London brokerage. □

## Wall Street bonuses are expected to rise slightly

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Wall Street employees, whose paychecks have often been cut in recent years, are likely to get a slight bump in their bonuses this year. The catch: The increase will come on top of one of the worst years for bank pay in recent memory. Year-end incentives, which include cash bonuses and stock awards, will be flat to up to 10 percent higher when compared with last year, according to a closely watched compensation survey to be released Monday. But firms drastically cut costs, employment and, as a result, pay, in 2011.

"It has been a slow recovery, just like the economy," said Alan Johnson, managing director of Johnson Associates, the privately held firm that conducted the survey. "Following a year when year-end incentives declined by as much as 30 percent, the fact that many firms are able to keep this year's bonuses flat or slightly larger is notable."

Johnson Associates, based in New York, surveyed 10 public asset management firms, eight major banks and more than a dozen other financial institutions.

Business on Wall Street has picked up somewhat in 2012, but firms are still

cutting both compensation and other expenses to save money and improve their profits.

Roy C. Smith, a professor of finance at New York University, said firms had cut positions since the financial crisis as revenue fell. Firms are also contending with regulations that are forcing them to sell off certain segments, or at least cut back. "They are cutting back as much as they can get away with," he said.

Wall Street firms set aside money all year for bonuses and allocate it to employees after they know their year-end results. Top executives and boards are now starting to think about who will make what, and the stakes are high.

Roughly half of all the revenue generated on Wall Street goes toward compensation, and most of it is paid in the form of a year-end bonus. So far this year, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup have set aside \$92.49 billion to pay employees, down slightly from \$92.81 billion in the year ago period, according to Johnson Associates. It's too early to tell what this will mean for individual bonuses in early 2013. Investors will know in January when fourth-quarter results are announced how much firms have set aside to cover compensation and benefits. □



Trader F. Hill Creekmore works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Stock indexes managed slight gains in thin trading on Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, with many investors standing down a day before what could be one of the closest presidential elections in U.S. history.

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## GM scores new credit lines totaling \$11B

**DETROIT (AP)** — General Motors says it has received \$11 billion in credit lines from 35 financial institutions in 14 countries, boosting its available cash and credit to more than \$42 billion. The company wouldn't say specifically what it plans to do with the money, only that it's a source of "back-up liquidity" that may be used for "strategic initiatives."

But analysts said it could be hoarding the cash to buy back stock, specifically from the U.S. government. The U.S. Treasury Department owns 26.5 percent of the company, which it got in exchange for a \$49.5 billion bailout about four years ago. They also say the cash could be used to help pay for restructuring GM's troubled European operations, buying an auto finance arm in Europe from Ally Financial, or to further fund its pension plans.

GM says the new lines have more favorable terms than the old one, and will allow the company to borrow in different currencies.

Two of the three New York debt-rating agencies, Moody Investors Service and Standard & Poor's, quickly gave the GM credit lines an investment-grade rating on Monday.

But that doesn't mean GM's overall corporate credit rating changed from junk status. S&P's corporate rating on GM remains at "BB+," the highest junk rating. Moody's kept the corporate rating at "Ba1," also one notch below investment grade. Moody's has given GM a positive outlook and said it remains on track to return to investment grade within the next year.

GM's new lines of credit include a three-year \$5.5 billion facility and a five-year

\$5.5 billion line. They replace GM's existing \$5 billion credit line, which was to expire in 2015. GM also has \$31.6 billion in cash and securities.

Chief Financial Officer Dan Ammann said the lines are a vote of confidence in the company's financial strength.

The automaker, known derisively as "Government Motors" for taking bailout money to avoid going under in 2008 and 2009, has long wanted the government to sell its stake and exit the business. But the government, which still owns 500 million GM shares, is waiting for the stock price to rise before making a move. The government is \$27 billion in the hole on its investment, and to break even, GM shares would have to sell for \$53.

At this point, they're not even close. Shares fell 31



A sign stands outside Oshawa's General Motors car assembly plant in Oshawa, Canada. General Motors says it has received \$11 billion in credit lines from 35 financial institutions in 14 countries, boosting its available cash and credit to more than \$42 billion. The company wouldn't say specifically what it plans to do with the money.

(AP Photo/Michelle Siu)

cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$25.48 in Monday afternoon trading.

It would cost GM about \$12.7 billion to buy back all of the government's shares at the current price.

Last week, GM announced a \$1.48 billion third-quarter

profit on strong North American earnings, big improvements in South America and strong earnings in international areas outside of China. But there are signs of weakness.

Profit in North America, GM's most lucrative market, fell 17 percent from July through September. □

## US service firms see slight slowdown in October

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. service companies grew at a slightly weaker pace in October than September because sales and new orders slowed. But a measure of employment rose, indicating services firms hired more.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its index of non-manufacturing activity fell to 54.2. That's down from a six-month high of 55.1 in September. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The report measures growth in a broad range of businesses from retail and construction companies to health care and financial

services firms. The industries covered employ about 90 percent of the work force. A gauge of hiring rose to a seven-month high of 54.9. The government said Friday that services firms added 163,000 net jobs in October. It was the best showing since February and represented 95 percent of the jobs created last month.

October's ISM reading matched the 12-month average for the index. Overall, 13 industries reported growth and five contracted. The industries reporting the fastest growth were agriculture, construction, management of companies, and finance and insurance; those showing the most contraction were mining and arts and enter-

tainment.

A measure of current sales fell to 55.4 after jumping to 59.9 in September. New orders fell, partly because of a decline in export orders. That reflects Europe's economic slowdown and weaker growth in larger developing countries such as Brazil.

Economists said the report still shows there is some momentum in the service sector. October's reading is above the July-September average of 53.8.

"The tentative indication ... is that growth may well be improving," Joshua Shapiro, chief economist at MFR Inc., said in a note to clients.

The ISM reported last week that manufacturing ex-



Anthony Cavallo, owner of the restaurant Vintage 50, mounts a potato cutter in his restaurant in Leesburg, Va. U.S. service companies grew at a slightly slower pace in October than September because of a decline in new orders. But a measure of employment rose, indicating services firms hired more. The Institute for Supply Management said Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, that its index of non-manufacturing activity fell to 54.2.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

panded for a second straight month in October. The sector had contracted from June through August. Jonathan Basile, an economist at Credit Suisse, says

the October readings of the manufacturing and non-manufacturing indexes are consistent with an annual growth rate of about 2.3 percent. □



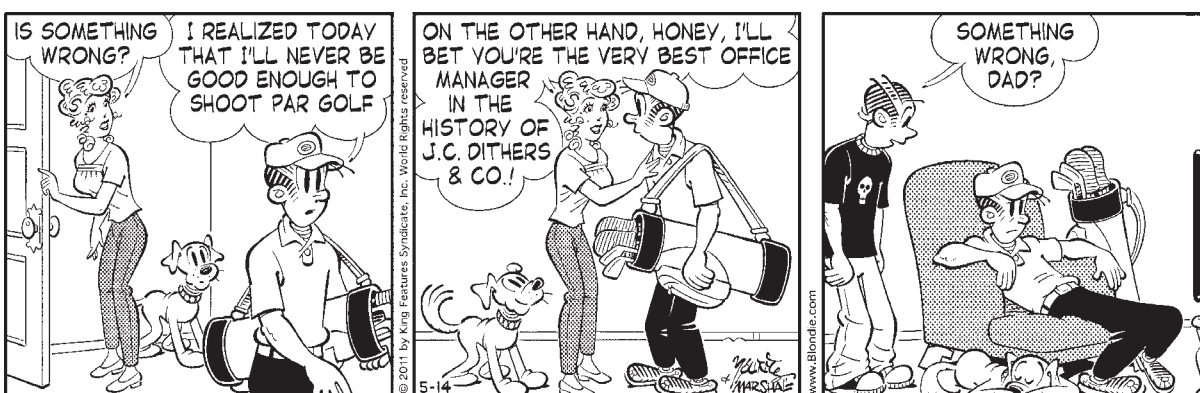
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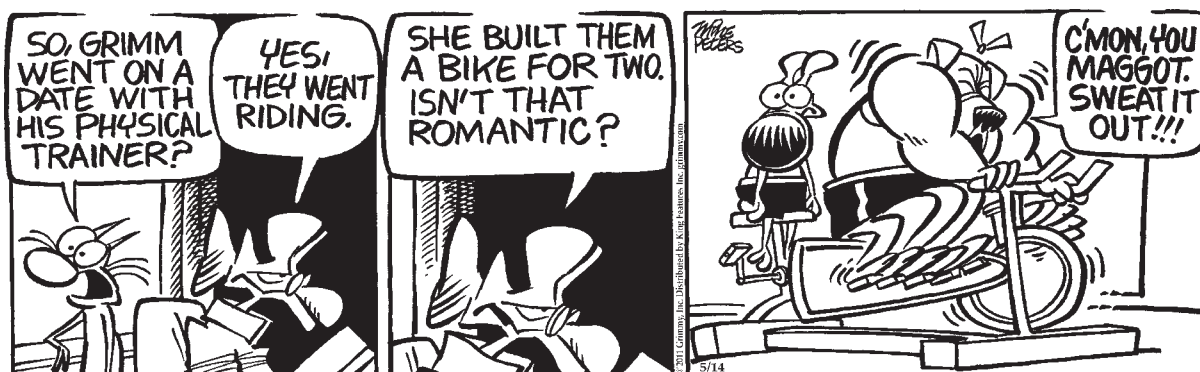
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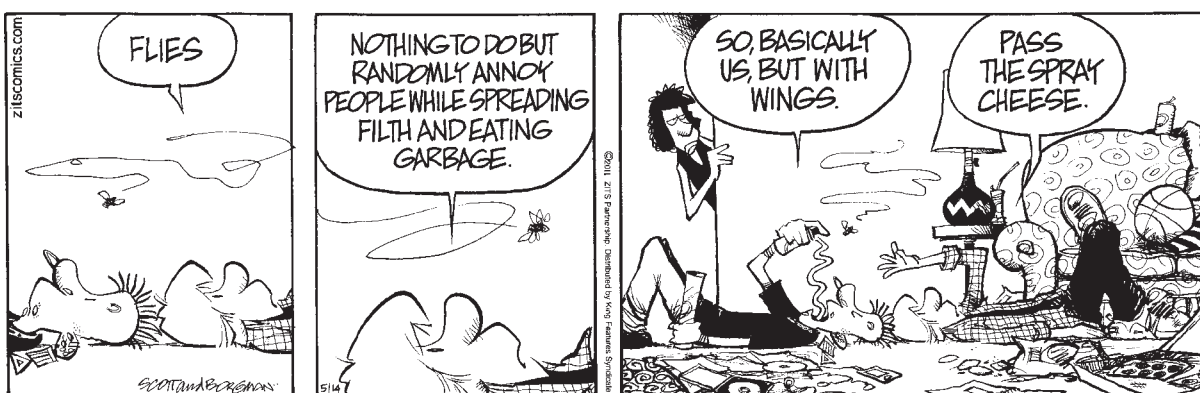
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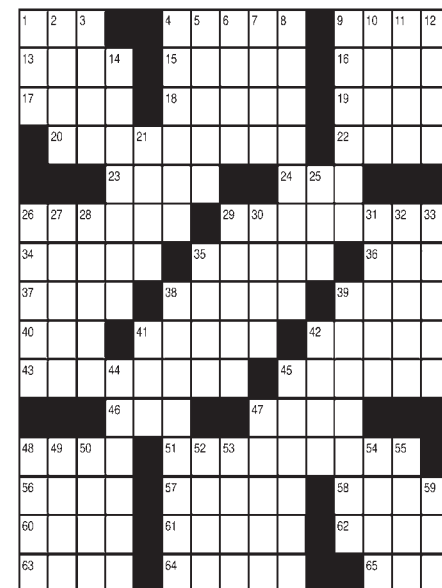
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- 1 Perform
- 4 Baker's ; often wrought-iron kitchen structures
- 9 Victoria's Secret purchases
- 13 Be a tattletale
- 15 Maui greeting
- 16 Pig's comment
- 17 Devil's food
- 18 Large couch
- 19 F sharp or B flat
- 20 Careless
- 22 Worry; fret
- 23 Continue
- 24 Actress Lupino
- 26 Hard deposits that form ocean reefs
- 29 Journal keepers
- 34 Performance at the MET
- 35 Dark and dirty
- 36 Stylish
- 37 Facial features
- 38 Omph
- 39 Path
- 40 Ending for Joseph or Max
- 41 Geico "spokesperson"
- 42 Flat-bottomed boat
- 43 Yo-Yo Ma and others
- 45 Out of breath
- 46 Social insect
- 47 Kimono fabric
- 48 Grouch
- 51 Still pure
- 56 Racing sled
- 57 Fast
- 58 Leave the room
- 60 Musician Billy
- 61 Overact
- 62 Uncommon
- 63 Cribbage pieces
- 64 Discourage
- 65 Fellows



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- 38 Motioned with the hands
- 39 Taller & thinner
- 41 Bar shelf bottle
- 42 Actor \_\_\_ Cosby
- 44 Can wrappers
- 45 Not as tame
- 47 Set of adjoining hotel rooms
- 48 Cut coupons
- 49 Boorish
- 50 Very excited
- 52 Moniker
- 53 Notice; see
- 54 Test
- 55 Urgent
- 59 \_\_\_gallon hat; cowboy topper



# Shunning Amazon, booksellers begin to rebel

DAVID STREITFELD

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**SAN FRANCISCO** – Amazon prides itself on unraveling the established order. This fall, signs of Amazon-inspired disruption are everywhere.

There is the slow-motion crackup of electronics showroom Best Buy. There is Amazon's rumored entry into the wine business, which is already agitating competitors. And there is the merger of Random House and Penguin, an effort to create a mega-publisher sufficiently hefty to negotiate with the retailer on equal terms.

Amazon inspires anxiety just about everywhere, but its publishing arm is getting pushback from all sorts of booksellers, who are scorning the imprint's most prominent title, Timothy Ferriss' "The 4-Hour Chef." That book is coming out just before Thanksgiving into a fragmented book-selling landscape that Amazon has done much to create but that eludes its control. Ferriss' first book, "The 4-Hour Workweek," sold nearly a half-million copies in its original print edition, according to Nielsen BookScan. A follow-up devoted to the body did nearly as well. Those books about finding success without trying too hard were a particular hit with young men, who identified with their quasi-scientific entrepreneurial spirit.

Signing Ferriss was seen as a smart choice by Amazon, which wanted books that would make a splash in both the digital and physical worlds. When the seven-figure deal was announced in August 2011, Ferriss, a former nutritional supplements marketer, said this was "a chance to really show what the future of books looks like."

Now that publication is at hand, that future looks messy and angry. Barnes & Noble, struggling to remain relevant in Amazon's shadow, has been emphatic that it will not carry its competitor's books. Other large physical and digital stores seem to be uninterested

or even opposed to the book. Many independent stores feel betrayed by Ferriss, whom they had championed. They will do nothing to help him if it involves helping a company they feel is hellbent on their destruction.

"At a certain point you have to decide how far you want to nail your own coffin shut," said Michael Tucker, owner of the Books Inc. chain here. "Amazon wants to completely control the entire book trade. You're crazy if you want to play that game with them." Bill Petrocelli, co-owner of Book Passage, a large store in suburban Marin County, expressed similar reservations. "We don't think it's

in our best interests to do business with Amazon," he said.

Crown, a division of Random House, took on Ferriss in 2007, after more than two dozen publishers said no to him.

"Crown put in a lot of effort to promote those books," Petrocelli said. "He decided to walk away. That's his decision to make but I can't say I applaud it. I think writers should be supportive of publishers that are supportive of them." This isn't a full-fledged boycott. Books Inc. and Book Passage said they would special order "The 4-Hour Chef" for anyone who wanted one. And some independent stores will even

display it, if not enthusiastically.

Green Apple, another big independent San Francisco store, said it would stock the book, figuring that if there was money to be made on its sale, better Green Apple make it than Amazon. But Kevin Ryan, the store's buyer, said there were limits.

"We're not going to go out of our way to promote something from Amazon," he said. "We're not going to stretch."

When Ferriss signed with Amazon, he celebrated the new at the expense of the old.

"I don't feel like I'm giving up anything, financially or otherwise," he said.

He has a somewhat different view these days.

"By signing with Amazon, I expected this type of blowback," he said. "I've been girding my loins."

The irony, he added, is that the \$35 book was meant to be inviting to the casual browser. Amazon can do many things, but it still cannot let readers examine a book before buying. □



**Timothy Ferriss, author of "The 4-Hour Workweek" and the upcoming "The 4-Hour Chef," in Austin, Texas. Amazon's high-profile publishing arm is facing backlash from some bookstores that refuse to carry or promote books by Amazon-signed authors, including Ferriss' "The 4-Hour Chef."**

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Opponents of beach nourishment argue that undeveloped beaches deal well with storms. Their sands shift;

New Jersey has embraced this approach with gusto. Stewart C. Farrell, a professor of marine geology at Stockton College of New Jersey, said that since 1985 80 million cubic yards of sand had been applied on 54 of the state's 97 miles of developed coastline: a truckload of sand for every foot of beach.

Typically, the federal gov-

But even if there is money for that work, engineers must find the sand. Around the nation, that is getting

Managers should look at inlets, ports and the Intra-coastal Waterway, as well as offshore sand sources, Mr. Marlowe said, adding, "You have to have an interstate approach." □



**Associated Press**

By now in New Jersey, most beaches "are engineered dikes," said Thomas Herrington, a professor of ocean engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, who has been working with the state to assess its coastal protection. About half of its coastal communities have projects still under way, so their beaches are already approved — at least in the-

Underwater ridges of sand lie offshore, but engineers must go farther and farther (and spend more and

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Jay-Z, left to right, President Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen smile during a campaign event at Nationwide Arena Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

## Springsteen, Jay-Z, put the pop in Obama rally

JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — President Barack Obama brought along two opening acts on the final day of presidential campaign. Bruce Springsteen. Jay-Z, but theirs wasn't an introduction, it was pop culture moment.

The Boss was spending the entire day with Obama, traveling on Air Force One from Madison, Wisconsin, to Columbus, Ohio, and then to Des Moines, Iowa, where Obama planned a coda for his campaign, a finale where his run for the presidency began five years ago.

Jay-Z boomed his way into Columbus's Nationwide Arena, performing a rendition of his hit "99 Problems" with a political twist, changing a key R-rated word to make his own political endorsement. "I got 99 problems but Mitt ain't one," he sang.

Springsteen added a whole new sense of vigor, even giddiness, to the Obama entourage, with many of

the president's aides and advisers appearing clearly star-struck by the rock star's presence.

Springsteen, in jeans, black boots, a work shirt, vest and leather jacket, was not wearing the typical Air Force One attire. But the Obama camp has left formality aside; many aides are growing beards through Election Day and ties have been left behind in favor of sweaters for the chilly outdoor events during the last hours of the campaign.

Asked if there was any downside to using celebrity glitz instead of substance to drive voters to the polls in the final days, Obama spokeswoman Jen Psaki laughed. "I think Bruce Springsteen might be offended by you calling him glitzy," she said. "Bruce Springsteen, and some other celebrities who have been helping us, reach a broad audience that sometimes tune out what's being said by politicians," she said.

As Psaki spoke to reporters at the back of the plane,

Obama was up front and on the phone with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie discussing the recovery from Superstorm Sandy.

Christie, who says he has attended hundreds of Springsteen's concerts, said Obama then handed the phone to Springsteen, a New Jersey native whose songs often have been tributes to his youth in the state.

Upon landing in Columbus, Springsteen told a reporter that it was his first trip on Air Force One. Grinning, he said: "It was pretty cool." As for New Jersey, he said "I'm feeling pretty hopeful" that the state's hard-hit shore will recover.

In Madison and Columbus, Springsteen serenaded audiences with renditions of top anthems "No Surrender," "Promised Land," and "Land of Hope and Dreams." But he also has a custom made campaign song named after the Obama motto "Forward" - "Not the best I've ever written."

"How many things rhyme with Obama?" he asked. □

## Older CBS shows coming to pay service Hulu Plus

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Older CBS shows like "Medium" and "Numb3rs" are coming to the \$8-per-month online video service Hulu Plus. Monday's deal falls short of what other broadcast networks provide. ABC, NBC and Fox, whose parent companies own Hulu, offer recently aired episodes, such as free next-day access for NBC's "Saturday Night Live." The CW, which is partly owned by CBS Corp., makes recent shows available for free on Hulu as well.

By contrast, the new CBS

deal covers only shows that are no longer on the air. CBS offers free, next-day access to some of its current shows including "The Amazing Race" on CBS.com.

The addition of some 2,600 episodes of older CBS content starting in January bolsters the Hulu Plus offering, which has more than 2 million subscribers. Certain episodes will be offered for free to promote full-season access through the paid subscription plan.

CBS will earn unspecified licensing revenue from the multi-year agreement. □

## Sharon Osbourne has double mastectomy

**LONDON (AP)** — Sharon Osbourne says she had a double mastectomy after learning she carries a gene that increases the risk of developing breast cancer. Osbourne told Hello! magazine that "I didn't want to live the rest of my life with that shadow hanging over me."

The 60-year-old "America's Got Talent" judge, who had colon cancer a decade ago, said that without the surgery, "the odds

are not in my favor."

She added: "It's not 'pity me,' it's a decision I made that's got rid of this weight that I was carrying around." The magazine went on sale Monday.

Osbourne, husband Ozzy and children Jack and Kelly became rock's most famous clan thanks to reality show "The Osbournes" a decade ago.

Jack Osbourne, 26, was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. □



This Jan. 15, 2012 file photo shows Sharon Osbourne at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press





This Aug. 19, 2012 file photo shows actors Dax Shepard, left, and Kristen Bell at the 2012 Do Something awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

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## Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard expecting first baby

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Actress Kristen Bell and her fiancé, Dax Shepard, have babies on the brain.

Bell's representative, Marcel Pariseau, says the couple are expecting their first child in late spring.

Shepard, 37, appears on the NBC drama "Parenthood." Bell, 32, has a role on Showtime's "House of Lies," also starring Don Cheadle. She also narrates "Gossip Girl" as the show's title character.

Shepard and Bell co-starred in the film "Hit & Run" this summer which Shepard also wrote and directed.

Earlier this year, Bell joked that she and Shepard had no problem working together because they are "severely co-dependent."

The couple, both originally from Michigan, started dating in 2007. They have been engaged for about three years. □

## Jack McBrayer prepares for life post-'30 Rock'

SANDY COHEN

**AP Entertainment Writer**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jack McBrayer can see the end of "30 Rock" just up ahead. The Emmy-nominated actor best known as Kenneth the Page from the Emmy-winning show says the mood is getting sad on set as the final days of filming near.

"Toward the end it's going to start getting emotional," he said, "and I'm going to start stealing stuff right and left."

Among the items he hopes to acquire? His blue NBC page uniform: "It's pretty much just formed to my own skin like body paint at this point."

A star of the weekend's top film "Wreck-It Ralph," McBrayer said he's eager to see what roles the future might hold.



In this May 17, 2010 file photo, actor Jack McBrayer attends the NBC Universal's Upfront presentation in New York. Associated Press

"I know how good I got it right now, so on the one hand, I'm like if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he said. "But then you do always wonder, like, what if I would be the best serial killer in the world or something? So I'm open for anything." □

## APNewsBreak: Budweiser seeks removal from movie 'Flight'



This undated publicity film image released by Paramount Pictures shows Denzel Washington as Whip Whitaker in the Paramount Pictures film, "Flight."

Associated Press

**ANTHONY MCCARTNEY**  
**AP Entertainment Writer**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Denzel Washington's character in "Flight" drinks a lot throughout the film, but his portrayal of a highly functioning alcoholic pilot isn't going down well with brewing company Anheuser-Busch or the distributor of Stolichnaya vodka. Anheuser-Busch said Monday that it has asked Paramount Pictures Corp. to obscure or remove the Budweiser logo from the film, which at one point shows Washington's character drinking the beer while behind the wheel.

Budweiser is hardly the only alcoholic beverage shown in "Flight," which earned \$25 million in its debut weekend and is likely to remain popular with audiences. Washington's character frequently drinks vodka throughout the film, with several different brands represented. William Grant & Sons, which distributes Stolichnaya in the United States, also said it didn't license its brand for inclusion in the film and wouldn't have given permission if asked.

Although product placement, where companies pay producers to have their brands seen on-camera, have become ubiquitous in movies and television, experts say studios are not obligated to get permission before featuring a product in their work.

Rob McCarthy, vice president of Budweiser, wrote in a statement to The Associated Press that the com-

pany wasn't contacted by Paramount or the production company of director Robert Zemeckis for permission to use the beer in "Flight."

"We would never condone the misuse of our products, and have a long history of promoting responsible drinking and preventing drunk driving," McCarthy wrote. "We have asked the studio to obscure the Budweiser trademark in current digital copies of the movie and on all subsequent adaptations of the film, including DVD, On Demand, streaming and additional prints not yet distributed to theaters."

A spokesman for Zemeckis referred questions to Paramount, which did not return an email message seeking comment.

James Curich, a spokesman for Stoli distributor William Grant & Sons, said the company has a strict code for how the vodka is portrayed in films and is committed to marketing it responsibly. "Considering the subject matter of this film, it is not something in which we would have participated," he wrote in an email. Despite the companies' dissatisfaction with their inclusion in the film, experts say there is little they can do about it legally.

Trademark laws "don't exist to give companies the right to control and censor movies and TV shows that might happen to include real-world items," said Daniel Nazer, a resident fellow at Stanford Law School's Fair Use Project. "It is the

case that often filmmakers get paid by companies to include their products. I think that's sort of led to a culture where they expect they'll have control. That's not a right the trademark law gives them."

Jay Dougherty, a professor at Loyola Law School, said the use of brands in films has generally been protected by the courts, even when the companies aren't pleased with the portrayals.

"It wouldn't have been as effective a film if they used a bunch of non-generic brands," said Dougherty, who is also the director of the school's Entertainment & Media Law Institute. "In a normal situation, if the alcohol were just there as a smaller part of the movie, they might have created an artificial brand for it."

Other vodka brands, including Absolut and Smirnoff, are also included in the film. Representatives of those companies did not return messages seeking comment.

Paramount has some experience with a company upset with its inclusion in a film. In 2003 the studio won a case after the makers of the "Slip 'N Slide" sued over the use of the product in the film "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star."

Dougherty and Mark Partridge, a Chicago intellectual property lawyer, also noted that a court rejected an effort to get by Caterpillar Inc. to get its logo removed from tractors driven by the villains in 2003's "George of the Jungle 2."



# Sandy Versus Katrina



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As Sandy barreled toward New Jersey, there were hopeful mutters on the right to the effect that it might become President Barack Obama's Katrina, with voters blaming him for the damage, and that this might matter on Tuesday. Sorry, guys: Polls show overwhelming approval for Obama's handling of the storm, and a significant rise in his overall favorability ratings. And he deserves the bump. For the response to Sandy, like the success of the auto bailout, is a demonstration that Obama's philosophy of government – which holds that the government can and should provide crucial aid in times of crisis – works. And conversely, the contrast between Sandy and Katrina demonstrates that leaders who hold government in contempt cannot provide that aid when it is needed.

So, about that response: Much of the greater New York area (including my house) is still without power; gasoline is scarce; and some outlying areas are feeling neglected. Right-wing news media are portraying these continuing difficulties as a disaster comparable to, nay greater than, the aftermath of Katrina. But there's really no comparison.

I could do a point-by-point – and it's definitely worth it, if you're curious, to revisit the 2005 Katrina timeline to get a sense of just how bad the response really was. But for me the difference is summed up in two images. One is the nightmare at the New Orleans convention center, where thousands were stranded for days amid inconceivable squalor, an outrage that all of America watched live on TV, but to which top officials seemed oblivious. The other is the scene in flooded Hoboken, with the National Guard moving in the day after the storm struck to deliver food and water and rescue stranded residents.

The point is that after Katrina the government seemed to have no idea what it was doing; this time it did. And that's no accident: The federal government's ability to respond effectively to disaster always collapses when anti-government Republicans hold the White House, and always recovers when Democrats take it back.

Consider, in particular, the history of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Under President George H.W. Bush, FEMA became a dumping

ground for unqualified political hacks. Faced with a major test in the form of Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the agency failed completely.

Then Bill Clinton came in, put FEMA under professional management, and saw the agency's reputation restored. Given this experience, you might have expected George W. Bush to preserve Clinton's gains. But no: He appointed his campaign manager, Joe Allbaugh, to head the agency, and Allbaugh immediately signaled his intention both to devolve disaster relief to the state and local level and to downgrade the whole effort, declaring, "Expectations of when the federal government should be involved and the degree of involvement may have ballooned beyond what is an appropriate level." After Allbaugh left for the private sector, he was replaced with Michael "heckuva job" Brown, and the rest is history.

Like Clinton, Obama restored FEMA's professionalism, effectiveness and reputation. But would Mitt Romney destroy the agency again? Yes, he would. As everyone now knows – despite the Romney campaign's efforts to Etch A Sketch the issue away – during the primary Romney used language almost identical to Allbaugh's, declaring that disaster relief should be turned back to the states and to the private sector.

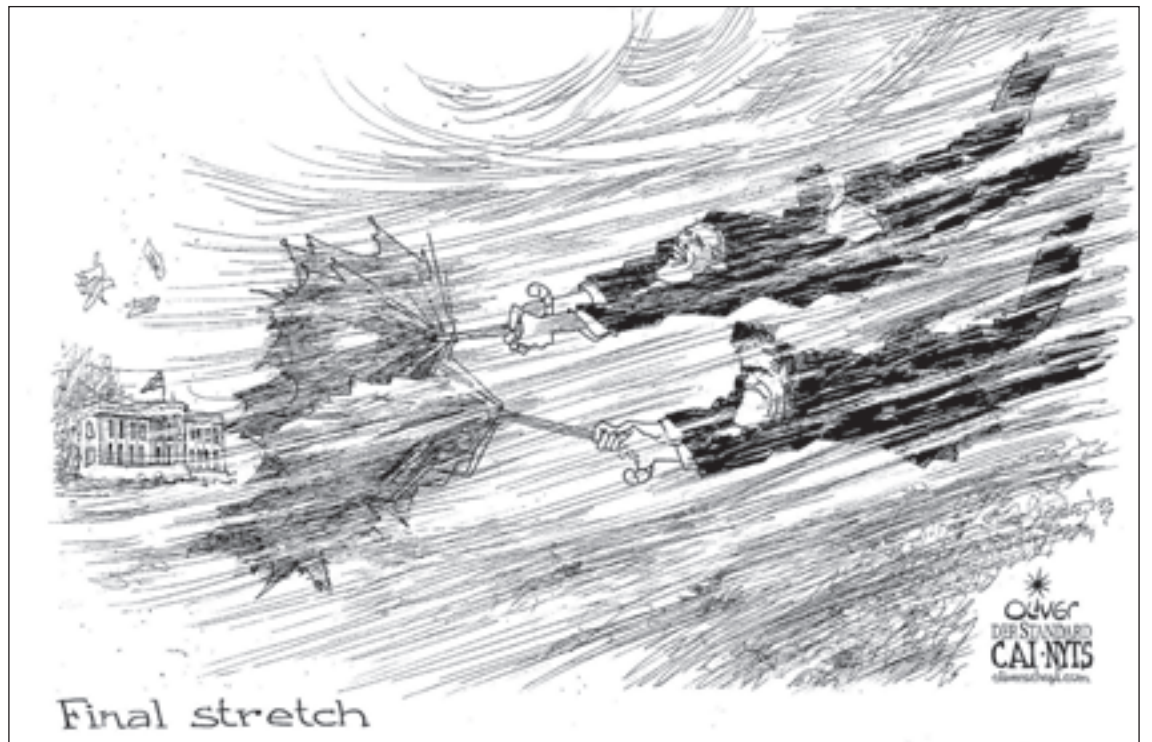
The best line on this, I have to admit, comes from Stephen Colbert: "Who better to respond to what's going on inside its own borders than the state whose infrastructure has just been swept out to sea?"

Look, Republicans love to quote Ronald Reagan's old joke that the most dangerous words you can hear are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." Of course they'll do their best, whenever they're in power, to destroy an agency whose job is to say exactly that. And yes, it's hypocritical that the right-wing news media are now attacking Obama for, they say, not helping enough people.

Back to the politics. Some Republicans have already started using Sandy as an excuse for a possible Romney defeat. It's a weak argument: State-level polls have been signaling a clear and perhaps widening Obama advantage for weeks. But as I said, to the extent that the storm helps Obama, it's well deserved.

The fact is that if Romney had been president these past four years the federal response to disasters of all kinds would have been far weaker than it was. There would have been no auto bailout, because Romney opposed the federal financing that was crucial to the rescue. And FEMA would have remained mired in Bush-era incompetence.

So this storm probably won't swing the election – but if it does, it will do so for very good reasons. □



## A Time For Voters To Choose



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Over the 40 years preceding Barack Obama's first term in office, under Republican and Democratic presidents alike, the federal government claimed, on average, about 18 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product in taxes every year and spent slightly under 21 percent. This equilibrium was always going to be threatened by the retirement of the baby boomers. But the financial crash and the Great Recession upset it sooner than anyone expected.

As the economy cratered, so did tax revenue, dropping below 15 percent of GDP in 2009. Government spending, meanwhile, climbed to 25 percent of GDP, as the president's stimulus bill tried to help fill the gap left by the private sector's collapse. This gulf between taxes and spending has closed, somewhat, in the three years since, thanks to the limping recovery and some halting attempts at deficit reduction in Washington. But a new equilibrium will take many more years of growth and many more painful policy decisions to achieve.

The choice voters face Tuesday will not determine exactly where this new equilibrium ends up. An Obama second term and a Mitt Romney first term would both feature a certain amount of can-kicking and a certain amount of compromise. A President Obama would probably accede to further spending cuts; a President Romney would likely accept the need for slightly higher tax revenue. Both men

would continue to run large deficits as long as the recovery seemed weak.

But this year's choice will make a long-term difference nonetheless. A vote for Obama is a vote for a future where spending stabilizes well above its 40-year average, and where tax revenue gradually rises – thanks to the leverage afforded the president by the expiration of the Bush tax cuts – to pay for Social Security, Medicare, the president's health care law and more.

A vote for Romney, on the other hand, is a vote for a future in which we at least try to make the fiscal adjustments necessary to keep taxing and spending at roughly the same rate as under Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

As I've written before, there are good reasons that a nonideological voter might be undecided between these two futures. The conservative vision requires making structural changes to popular programs, and asking the middle class to accept further creative destruction in an age of insecurity. The last 50 years of Western European life, meanwhile, suggest that the higher-tax, higher-spending equilibrium favored by liberals can be comfortable rather than dystopian.

But there's a strong rebuttal to the case for accepting a bigger-government new normal. The European model of social democracy has its virtues, but it has always depended on the wealth created by American laissez-faire. As a recent economic paper entitled "Can't We All Be More Like Scandinavians?" points out, it's easier for smaller countries to afford a more "cuddly" form of capitalism if big countries like the United States are driving global economic growth. And the price of a permanently larger government – in growth lost, private-sector jobs left uncreated, breakthroughs forgone – is much higher for a country of our

size and influence than it is for a Sweden or a France.

What's more, we would be paying this increased price at a very different demographic and economic moment than when the European welfare states were built, or for that matter when our own entitlement system was established.

It's one thing for a young, fast-growing nation – like the United States of the 1960s – to embrace a permanently larger public sector. It's quite another for a graying society with a stagnant economy and a sinking birthrate to do the same. There's a risk of a vicious cycle, in which a shrinking working-age population bears the burden of growing old-age entitlements, which in turn discourages precisely the kind of risk-taking and family formation required to keep the system solvent.

Already our government redistributes too much from the young to the old, from working families to retirees, from productive entrepreneurs to protected clients. To accede to this government's permanent expansion is to walk, with eyes wide open, into the kind of economic and demographic trap that has ensnared the weaker economies of Europe today.

Obama did not single-handedly put us on this path. But he has kept us on it, accelerated our progress down it, and campaigned for re-election as though taking this course had no downsides whatsoever. He's the candidate of the Medicare status quo in a country facing an entitlement crunch, of government bailouts in an economy with a crony capitalism problem, and of contraceptive mandates in a society with a birth dearth.

For an incumbent president facing a mistrusted opposition party, this may prove a formula for a narrow electoral victory. But for the country that might vote to re-elect him, it risks four more years of drift, stagnation and decline. □



## Election Night:

# Serious party planning, for both victory and defeat

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**LAS VEGAS** – When empty, the Bristlecone ballroom at the Aria Resort and Casino here is 57,000 square feet of beige carpeting and fluorescent lights. But two years ago, it was briefly the overstuffed epicenter of American politics.

This is where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., held his election-night party after prevailing in a race that many had predicted he would lose. To Democrats, this was a site for triumph and relief; for Republicans, it was one for disappointment and loss.

For Frank Roskowski, it was something else entirely.

"It was carnage. It was goofy," he said, grinning as he surveyed the room last week.

Roskowski, whom everyone calls Mustache Frank, is Aria's director of technical services, and he is reminiscing about the chaos and bustle of Nov. 2, 2010. Democrats lost a bunch of races across the country, not to mention control of the House of Representatives, and in the days before the votes were tallied it looked possible that Reid would be a casualty. Twenty-two television crews were jockeying for position in the Bristlecone, starting at 4 a.m.

"The TV trucks all were fighting because the thing is, they have to run cable to a connection point," Roskowski recalls. "So the guy in the truck, if he gets here early, he only has to run 100 feet. If he's late, he's got to run 500. At 3 in the morning, they're out there, I'm out there, my guys are out there, and these TV guys are like: 'Hey, you want doughnuts? You want beer? 50 bucks?' I'm like: 'Whoa. Here's what was sent to me. You're here, you're here, you're here.'" As a feat of event planning, there is nothing quite like an election-night party. At most festivities that call for banquet halls and cocktails, there is little doubt about the basic contours

of the main event. If it's a wedding, two people are married and the union is celebrated. Organize a conference, and a crowd will mingle and drink. But an election-night party could be an evening of triumph or fiasco, a celebration or a wake. It's like a trip to the hospital that might culminate with a fatal diagnosis or a healthy baby.

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ciation Night."

"We'll still be working, probably late into the night, watching ballots come in," says Darren Littell, 29, the tall and gregarious communications director for the Republicans' Team Nevada. "At that point, there isn't much for the volunteers to do, so this is a way to say to them, 'We appreciate what you guys did.'" Littell is speaking in his tiny

that he doesn't know much about it yet, other than that it will be held at the Venetian, a hotel and casino owned by Sheldon Adelson, the high-profile Republican donor.

"We want to be somewhere where they want us," Littell says with a laugh. This isn't as easy as it sounds. Around the time of this discussion, the state Democrats bail out of a

ty, you have only started to sort out the details. There is a lot of dead airtime on election night, so you need entertainment. There are news media teams that need not just credentialing, care and feeding but also peace and quiet (if they are writing) and noise and action (if they are broadcasting). During the Reid event two years ago, Roskowski found himself officiating a tug of war over the decibel level.

"The Fox producer is going over to my guy in charge of sound, who is playing the music, and the Fox guy is saying: 'Hey, turn it up. My on-air guy wants it loud,'" he recalls. "And then you've got the guy from PBS who is just talking over a phone line and he's coming up to me saying, 'What's it going to take? What's it going to take?'" Holding rooms must be set aside for luminaries, including all the state politicians who are up for election or re-election. Then there is that imponderable: How many people are actually going to show up?

Littell does the math in his head about election night. "There's a chance we'll get a couple thousand," he says. "But if things don't work out, I definitely would say it eats into the number of folks that attend. And you don't want a space that is set up for 10,000 folks if 100 come."

For the people in charge of Romney's national election night event in Boston, the challenges are similar but the stakes substantially higher and the margin for error lower.

"We take a couple hours out of every day and focus on election night," says Will Ritter, the Romney campaign's national director of operations. He and his staff of 90 on the advance team have been planning multiple events for their candidates as they crisscross the country. But Nov. 6 is a higher degree of difficulty, he says, because it's a distinct hybrid. □



**Frank Roskowski, the director of technical services at the Aria Resort & Casino, in Las Vegas, Oct. 31, 2012. As President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, the Republican presidential candidate, wind up their campaigns, their election-night event planners have to keep playing a huge logistical guessing game.**

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tacted for this article would not discuss their plans, or they kept the discussion to a bare minimum. A communications representative for the Democratic Party in Nevada did not return emails, nor did a spokesman for the Obama campaign. Members of several campaign staffs declined even to explain their reluctance. Perhaps it's just awkward to talk about a celebration before it's clear there is anything to celebrate. This is why an election party is rarely called an election party, at least by a campaign. More popular are ambiguous terms like "election watch gatherings." The Nevada Republicans have christened their event "Volunteer Appreciation Night."

office at the headquarters for the local chapter of the Republican National Committee and the Mitt Romney campaign in Spring Valley, a good 10-minute drive from the city's downtown. The office sits in a strip mall, next to Queen's Nails salon and a few parking spots from an In-N-Out Burger. On this afternoon, the place is bustling with volunteers in blue "Romney: Believe in America" T-shirts, stuffing envelopes and answering phones. Littell settles behind his desk and starts to talk about the party's election-night plans. It is Tuesday, one week before Election Day, and although he's one of the people in charge of the shindig, he concedes

publicly announced plan to hold their election night event at the Paris, another big hotel and casino on the Strip. In a telephone interview, a representative from the Paris speculates that the change of heart was caused by an Oct. 23 article in the Las Vegas Sun reporting that the Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., which owns the Paris and has traditionally leaned Democratic, contributed about \$165,000 to a Republican group. As the article noted, the company is now ideologically in tune with other financial titans of the city, like Adelson and the casino mogul Steve Wynn. Et tu, Caesars? Once you find a politically viable location for your par-